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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.

MARCH 03, 2024 | THIRD 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

Congratulations to our high school Confirmation candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, March 2. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you now and always.

Thank you to the Men's Club and volunteers for serving our Lent Friday Fish Fry dinners. There are three more Fridays for the dinner: March 8, 15 and 22. The meal is delicious, and the servers are friendly. There are take out meals available, too. It is great to see all the Men's Club members, the women and young people volunteers, the School students, and the community members gathered for these dinners. In addition to our St. Pascal's parishioners, numerous people from our St. Paul Eastside neighborhood and larger metro area enjoy our Fish Dinners. As people enter and exit our church building for the Fish Fry dinners, I have opportunities to greet people, visit, answer questions, evangelize through a welcome and smile, and chat with people. It's great. I hear from many people that our Fish Fry is the best, and I agree! Stations of the Cross are also prayed each Friday at 7:00 PM, so come for the Fish dinner and then join us for Stations.

You are invited to participate in a peaceful prayer vigil through 40 Days for Life which is an internationally coordinated 40-day prayer vigil for all those affected by abortion. The local vigil is daily from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM until March 24 outside of Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia Street, St. Paul. You can also pray at home during these 40 days for people who need support with an unplanned or difficult pregnancy. For more information, go to 40daysforlife.com or contact Brian Walker at brian.walker@plam.org or 651.797.6363.

Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2024: *For the new martyrs.* We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

White Bear Avenue ramps and road closure coming soon!

Starting in mid-March, the westbound Interstate 94 (I-94) on and off ramps will close at White Bear Avenue. In early April, White Bear Avenue between Old Hudson Road and the eastbound I-94 on and off ramps will close. Crews will construct an underpass at White Bear Avenue and the bus lanes. The ramps and road will be closed until fall 2024. More information and a detour map is on the parish website, stpascals.org.

Third Week of Lent

Raising Chickens to Support Her Family

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? Do it this month! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge, located near the Conway entrance. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, March 11, we will discuss *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker.

On April 8, we will have our Annual Author Night with Matt Goldman, author of *Carolina Moonset*. Join us for a social at 6:30 PM and discussion from 7:00-8:00. These are always fun and interesting evenings—don't miss it!

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action: *Primary Election is Tuesday, March 5*

Now is the time for action. Regardless of your political affiliation, it's time to show up and vote. Complacency or leaving it to others to pick candidates is NOT putting faith into action. Let your voice be heard.

Donation Closet

March 2024: *Merrick March Food Drive*

The March collection is for food for the Merrick Community Services Food Shelf. While any donations are appreciated, items that are most useful to the community at this time are:

- Cooking Oils—canola, olive, sesame, chili
- Vinegars—red or white wine vinegar, rice vinegar
- Spices
- Cooking Sauces—soy, Worcestershire, Sriracha
- Proteins—peanut or almond butter, tuna, canned chicken
- Grains—all types of rice, flour, and noodles

A complete list with specific ideas can be found in the kiosk, on the parish website, or by going to merrickcs.org/march-food-drive-2024. Items will be collected through the weekend of March 31. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

"Salvation"

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

What is salvation?

Who is saved and what are heaven and hell?

What about purgatory?

All are welcome to join us for this week's discussion—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

Living Faith Booklets

A limited number of Living Faith Booklets for April-June 2024 are available in the parish office. If you would like one set aside for you or mailed to you, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Save the Date

Spring Family Fiesta

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Enjoy delicious food, the company of fellow parishioners, games, and more! Family friendly—all ages welcome! Watch for more details. Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Enroll now for the 2024-25 school year.

Kindergarten will again be FREE, and no one in other grades is turned away due to financial circumstances. Learn more at stpascalschool.org/enroll/.

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School is excited to be partnering with an Emerging Media class at the University of St. Thomas (UST). Approximately half the students are majoring in video production, and the other half is focused on graphic design. Some of the students in the class, all seniors, visited our school last week. UST students also will be working with staff and scholars at other Ascension Catholic Academy schools. The final project will include some videos to help promote SPRCS. We are grateful for this partnership with UST.

Parking Lot Safety for School Children

Please note that both driveways going into the church parking lot from Flandrau Street and the driving lane near the dumpsters are chained off during school recess from 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.**

"The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are."

—C.S. Lewis

St. Pascal's Women's Club Fish Fry Bake Sale is Back and We Need Bakers!

All Fridays of Lent through 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

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 —

SPRING IS COMING!

Celebrate with St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant sale! We are selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Over 80 fantastic items are available: hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, perennials, and plant cards. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store number 447. Order from the comfort of your own home. Check out Gertens brochures on the parish web site or see printed brochures in the kiosk in the gathering space. If you need help ordering, Women's Club members will be available after all Masses on March 23/24 or contact Ellen Aeling. *Sale ends on 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 or need help with your order, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

Women's Club Legacy Award 2024

Every year the St. Pascal's Women's Club honors one of our own with the Women's Club Legacy Award. This May the award will be presented at the appreciation dinner.

We are accepting nominations from women of the parish through April 1. Please email the name of your nominee to Andreleavitt@comcast.net or drop a sealed envelope marked "Women's Club Legacy Award" in the collection plate.

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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

March 03, 2024

Tuesday, March 05

8:00 AM + Darlene Kelleher

Wednesday, March 06

9:30 AM + Charlotte Alm

Thursday, March 07

8:00 AM + Sr. Lucy

Friday, March 08

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, March 09

4:30 PM + Frank Brodniewicz

Sunday, March 10

4th Sunday of Lent

8:45 AM The people of the parish

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!



Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 19:8-11

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6

Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b

Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Ps 137:1-6

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, March 3—Lent 3, *We Care Campaign*

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, March 4

10:00am Small Group 1: Spiritual Direction Room

2:30pm Small Group 2: Spiritual Direction Room

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Small Group 3: Spiritual Direction Room

Tuesday, March 5

9:30am School Lent Reconciliation: Church

10:00am Small Group 4: Spiritual Direction Room

4:00pm Eucharistic Minister Training: Church

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

6:30pm Small Group 6: Spiritual Direction Room

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am Small Group 7: Spiritual Direction Room

9:30am School Mass: Church

1:30pm Small Group 8: Parish Conference Room

6:00pm Eagle Scout Board of Review: Spiritual Direction Room

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 7

9:30am Small Group 9: Spiritual Direction Room

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

6:30pm Small Group 10: Spiritual Direction Room

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

7:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, March 8

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

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

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 9

10:00am Eucharistic Minister Training: Church

Sunday, March 10—Lent 4

No scheduled events

EASTER FLOWERS

You may purchase a plant or make a donation (any amount) in honor of a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Suggested donation is \$10. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)

Honor of / Memory of:

Donated by:

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's.

Please note: Memorials/Honorariums received in the parish office after March 26 will not appear on the Easter Flowers bulletin insert on March 31.

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:	\$ <u>8,306.60</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05
YTD Collected Donations	\$ 170,608.18
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>157,227.35</u>
Surplus	\$ 13,380.83
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 170,465.95
# of payments in Reserve:	8

Thank you for your support!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Journey With Me

Lord God,
fill my heart with love,
so that I can see you in others
and recognize them as the temples
in which you reside on earth.
May your spirit guide my every step.

In my struggles,
give me strength and courage
so that I will be steadfast in faith
as I continue my journey.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Renewed Temples



Today's readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22–25; John 2:13–25. Lent is a time for interior and exterior cleansing. Jesus was outraged when he saw what was taking place in the temple. The moneychangers failed to show reverence for the house of God when they used it as a marketplace. While some could not understand Jesus' overturning of the moneychangers' tables, the disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." Jesus' reaction to the sales in the temple make it apparent that such zeal was missing from others.

In baptism, we become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Our consideration of Christ's care for the temple in Jerusalem is an opportunity to reflect on how we care for all human beings, who are made in the image and likeness of

God. Do we treat them with the dignity that a child of God deserves, remembering each person is sacred?

Just as you show concern for others, you need to care for yourself. How do you care for your interior life? Do you seek reconciliation with God through the sacrament of penance? Do you take to heart that God's mercy is for you as well as for others? In the remaining weeks of Lent, be especially attentive to the words of the penitential act. During this part of the Mass, the faithful may pray the Confiteor, after which the priest calls on God's mercy. The other option is for the faithful to pray the Kyrie, saying, "Lord, have mercy / Christ have mercy" to the priest's invocations. Seeking mercy, our zeal for God is apparent.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 4 Faith and Humility

When Jesus is asked to perform signs in his hometown as he did in other places, he refuses, saying, “No prophet is accepted in his own native place.” Jesus accepted that his former neighbors would not believe and so did not seek to prove himself. Sometimes we face humbling situations; we, too, do not need to prove ourselves. It is necessary only to accept that all we have is by the grace of God. *Today’s readings: 2 Kings 5:1–15ab; Psalm 42:2–3; 43: 3–4; Luke 4:24–30.*

Tuesday, March 5 Love and Kindness

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells Peter that he must forgive another “not seven times but seventy-seven times.” From that instruction, we may ascertain that we are to forgive over and over again. Such forgiveness is an act of kindness, one which any of us would hope to receive after our own transgression. When wronged, we have an opportunity to create enmity or to nurture love. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to request forgiveness? *Today’s readings: Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6, 7bc, 8–9; Matthew 18:21–35.*

Wednesday, March 6 Praise the Lord

“Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,” we sing today in the refrain for Psalm 147. In recognizing all that God has done, the psalm is a reminder that prayers of praise should be part of our prayer life. During these remaining weeks of Lent, schedule a time at the end of the day to recall the ways that God has blessed you. Compose your own prayer of praise and thanksgiving. You might include today’s refrain in your prayer. *Today’s readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.*

Thursday, March 7 Soften Your Hearts

In the reading from Jeremiah, the Lord speaks of how his people have ignored his voice and his commands. The Lord tells the prophets: “But they obeyed not, nor did they pay heed. They walked in the hardness of their hearts.” Hardened hearts are still noticed, as people are concerned with many things. Efforts can be made to soften hearts. Today, tell someone that God loves him or her, and that you do too. Do not expect a response. *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.*

Friday, March 8 Listen with Your Heart

Sometimes we ask questions when we already know the answer. Are we hoping for a different answer from what we know is from God? The third week of Lent is winding down. Have you committed to a process of transformation? Have you set aside time for discernment and reflection? As the Lenten season continues, take courage and listen with your heart. *Today’s readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 10–11ab, 14, 17; Mark 12:28–34.*

Saturday, March 9 Spring Cleaning

The phrase “Practice makes perfect” is kept in mind while seeking to improve performance. In today’s readings, we hear that God desires our love and mercy, not our sacrifice. Each season of the liturgical year is a new opportunity to grow in our love for God and others and to learn to be generous with our mercy. Lent’s emphasis on penitence and baptism is an invitation to discard what keeps us from God and bring to the fore those practices that conform us to the promises of our baptism. Some might call this an interior spring cleaning. *Today’s readings: Hosea 6:1–6; Psalm 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.*

