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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. Please join us in Brioschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

DECEMBER 23, 2018 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Merry Christmas

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

On behalf of all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Parish and School, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I pray that the joy of Jesus' birth will fill your heart with peace and hope. Jesus was born in our world long ago, but every Christmas gives us an opportunity to enter anew into the joy of the Christmas story. We remember all the difficulties that Joseph and Mary faced during their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We hear the good news of great joy that was announced to the shepherds about the birth of our Savior. We imagine the vulnerability of the baby Jesus lying in the manger. Jesus was born into an imperfect world, and today we still live in an imperfect world that includes suffering, violence and pain. At the same time, Christmas reminds us that Jesus chose to enter our world and experience suffering, violence and pain. Each day Jesus shows His love for us through the Sacraments we celebrate, through His real presence in the Eucharist, through the compassion we experience in our parish community, in the Christian service we offer to the poor and needy, and in the beauty of our Church's liturgy filled with Scripture, song, prayer and art. God's love is very real, and Christmas reminds us that Jesus is real. I am grateful to serve as your pastor, and I thank you for all your prayers and support. You are an amazing parish filled with a strong faith, and I pray that this Christmas you will experience once again God's deep love for you.

Update on Bonnie Steele, our Director of Pastoral Ministry. Bonnie is doing well in her recovery from surgery in late October to correct the malformation of an arteriovenous fistula in the area of her head behind her eyes. The surgery went well, and her doctors are pleased with Bonnie's recovery. Bonnie hopes to return to work here at St. Pascal's Church in January, but that will depend on how she does with her occupational therapy, her fatigue level, and the assessment from her doctors. She is resting, praying and recovering, and when she gets impatient with her progress, her doctors remind her, "You had brain surgery! Your recovery is going to take time." Bonnie is grateful for your prayers, and she is praying for all of us, too.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

ISAIAH 9 : 6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christmas Season

Holy Day Liturgy Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 24: 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25: 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, December 31: 4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1: 9:00 AM

Caná Dinner, Save the Date

St. Pascals is joining forces with Blessed Sacrament for a Caná Dinner on Saturday evening February 9. Look for more information in the coming month. We are also looking for a couple of people to be part of the committee for this event. If you are interested contact Deacon Richard, richard.moore@stpascals.org.

Catch The Dream

Gala for St. Mary's Mission: Update

Dear Friends,

St. Mary's Mission would like to take this opportunity to say, "thank you."

The "Catch the Dream" Gala has had six successful years with you, our friends, at St. Pascal's. We will never forget how you all pulled together to come out in the snow and freezing rain to welcome us and make the first Gala a success.

It is with a sad heart that we must move our Gala this year. You helped make it so successful, but we have outgrown the space at St. Pascal's. We hope you will join us as we move over to St. Patrick's, in Edina. They have graciously opened their doors to us, as you had.

Please mark your calendars, for Thursday, April 25, 2019. We will be sending out more information after the first of the year. We will keep in touch, as we finalize the plans, and hopefully many of you will be able to join us for the 7th Annual "Catch the Dream Gala."

Blessings,

Father Jerry, Sister Patrice and Patti Spry

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Alice Nicole DeGonda
child of Nicholas & Kathryn

Griffin David Reisdorf
child of Joseph & Kara

Penelope Kate Carlton
child of Jared & Ashley

who were recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless these households of faith.

OUR SCHOOL

I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

We are blessed to be part of the St. Pascal Baylon community, and all connections to the school. Thank you for your donations, volunteering, and talents that continue to encourage the children and staff.

Wishing you the blessings of this holy season and best wishes for the coming year.

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School

2019 Friends & Family

Mark your calendar: The 16th annual St. Pascal's Friends & Family event is Saturday, May 4, 2019.

The Friends and Family event needs lots of stocking stuffers! Though May seems like a long time from now—*now* is the perfect time to get deals on gift cards and the Friends & Family event needs to collect many. Please keep it in mind if you see a deal for gift cards! Gift cards can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Friends & Family". Questions call or email Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237 or mjaeling@gmail.com.

Counseling Services at St. Pascal's

Holidays can be wonderful, warm times of personal and family celebration. They can also bring moments of stress, excessive demands on the self and communication challenges. So perhaps the new year is a good time to consider sharing any struggles and difficulties with a compassionate and non-judgmental counselor. Jean Gregg, LICSW, is a professional counselor who worked with the Catholic Charities Counseling Program for 42 years and is now at St. Pascal's to see clients every Monday afternoon. Insurance and private fee payment are accepted. If you are interested to see if this would be a good resource for you, please call Jean at 651.321.3445.

Year-End Financial Gifts

As this calendar year quickly comes to a close you may consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received over 35 special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! Remember, all gifts must be received by December 31, 2018 to be considered for the 2018 tax year. Stock transfers and sales do take some time so please take that into consideration as you consider a gift to St. Pascal's. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Please remember to mail or drop your 2019 pledge cards in the collection basket. Our many ministries rely on your continued generosity. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation I—9th Grade Families

Registration forms for Confirmation I are now past due. Families of 9th graders should have received a mailing in November. If you have a 9th grader and did not receive the mailing, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Youth in 9th grade and older who wish to prepare for the sacrament are welcome to be a part of the process.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Early Learning Scholarships

Application process for 2019-20 now open!

The Schulze Early Learning Scholarship Program was created to assist middle-income families in gaining access to excellent preschool programs for their children. The Foundation firmly believes in and supports the strength of the academic experience, the caring community and the spiritual development that is provided by Catholic elementary schools. Scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$500 to \$3000 and will be sent directly to the preschool to pay for tuition.

You are eligible to apply if your child:

- Will be 4 years old by September 1, 2019
- Will be attending St. Pascal's Early Learning Center Pre-Kindergarten program in the fall of 2019-2020 AND
- Will be in their last year of preschool and attending kindergarten the following year (2020-2021)

Your family:

- Is a middle-income family
- Needs this scholarship to be able to enroll your child in St. Pascal's Early Learning Center Pre-K program

Visit schulzefamilyfoundation.org and click on "Early Learning Scholarships" for the Schulze Early Learning Scholarship application. If you have questions, please contact Marla Friederichs at mjfriederichs@schulzefamilyfoundation.org or 952.324.8933.

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Early Learning Center

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ELC Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

School Office

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 Email inna.collier@stpascals.org

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Ann Karner, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 and by appointment
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required.
 To register for classes 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 651.774.3248
 Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Email notices by 3:00 PM Monday to thea.munoz@stpascals.org.

Mass Announcements

Please direct to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings December 23, 2018

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM The people of the parish
10:00 PM The people of the parish

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, December 26

9:30 AM + Bernard Vagnoni

Thursday, December 27

7:30 AM + A deceased member of
the parish

Friday, December 28

7:30 AM + Jim Brown

Saturday, December 29

4:30 PM + Rosita O'Connell

Sunday, December 30

8:45 AM The people of the parish
10:30 AM The people of the parish

Christmas Blessings

Celebration is an attentive and gracious joy of presence. When you celebrate, you are taking time to recognize, to open your eyes and behold in your life the quiet miracles and gifts that seek no attention; yet each day they nourish, shelter, and animate your life. The art of belonging in, with, and to your self is what gives life and light to your presence; it brings a radiance to your countenance and a poise to your carriage. When your heart is content, your life can always find the path inwards to this deep stillness in you.

—John O'Donohue

Excerpt from ETERNAL ECHOES
Oughterard / Co. Galway --
December 2016

Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

Monday:

Day
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:67-79

Monday:

Christmas Eve

Vigil & Midnight

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday:

Christmas Day

Is 62:11-12
Ps 98:1-6
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Wednesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday:

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday:

The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Where there is will there is a way—to be an angel for our parish.

Please remember St. Pascal's in your estate planning. Your lawyer can add a simple, inexpensive amendment (codicil) to your will. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

Sunday, December 23—4th Sunday of Advent

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

Monday, December 24, 2018—Christmas Eve

Parish office closed

3:30pm Lessons & Carols Begin

4:00pm Liturgy

9:30pm Carols Begin

10:00pm Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

Parish office closed

9:40am Carols Begin

10:00am Liturgy

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am Mass (Not a School Mass)

Thursday, December 27, 2018

6:30pm Finance Council: FR

Friday, December 28

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 29

No scheduled events

Sunday, December 30, 2018—Holy Family

No scheduled events

Monday, December 31, 2018

Parish office closed

4:00pm Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2019—Mary Mother of God

Holy day of obligation

Parish office closed

9:00am Mass

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room

It's not too late for Christmas flowers! The Christmas season continues through the Baptism of the Lord on January 13, 2019.

**REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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.

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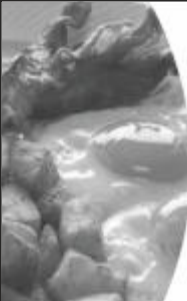
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