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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 30, 2018 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM | Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you for supporting the St. Pascal School Book Fair during December. Our School earned a total of \$1,500.00 from this fundraiser, and we reached our goal of earning a 40% profit on the book sale.

Thank you to the St. Pascal's Men's Club for all their work with the Christmas Tree Sale this year. The volunteers give many hours of work to the Tree Sale every year, and we appreciate all their commitment and enthusiasm.

Thank you to the St. Pascal's Women's Club for all their work with the Christmas Bake Sale on December 15-16. We appreciate all the time and energy the Women's Club gives to the Bake Sale every December. Thank you, as well, to everyone who donated items to the Bake Sale and to those of you who purchased baked goods.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family which occurs each year on the Sunday after Christmas. It is an opportunity to recall the challenges faced by the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and to pray for our own family members, living and deceased. We also pray for the needs and challenges we face together in the family of the Church.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God will be celebrated on Monday, December 31 at 4:00 PM and Tuesday, January 1 at 9:00 AM. From the earliest centuries of the Church's history, Mary has been honored as the Mother of God. At the Council of Ephesus in the year 431, the Church affirmed that "Mary truly became the Mother of God by the human conception of the Son of God in her womb" (Catechism, 466). Soon after the Council of Ephesus, liturgical celebrations of Mary, the Mother of God, began to appear in various countries. Honoring Mary on January 1 as the Mother of God connects us to Christmas and the wonder of the Incarnation, and this is one example of how Mary leads us to her Son and helps us to love Him even more.

Did you know that audio versions of my Sunday homilies and Deacon Richard Moore's Sunday homilies are available on our parish website? If you would like to listen to our Sunday homily, go online to the St. Pascal Church website at www.stpascals.org, and you will see the following categories at the top of the webpage: CHURCH, ABOUT, PRAY, SERVE, GIVE, CONTACT. Go to the drop down menu underneath PRAY, and then click on the link for HOMILIES, choose the homily you'd like to hear and sit back and listen.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Immigration Sunday—Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany on January 6, 2019

This commemoration coincides with the *Share the Journey* campaign (a co-effort by Caritas Internationalis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services). *Share the Journey* is a two-year migration campaign that launched on September 27, 2017.

Share the Journey has at its heart the vision of a united global human family. The focus is on our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit and host communities. It promotes opportunities and spaces for migrants and communities to come together to share stories and experiences, with the aim of strengthening the bonds between migrants and communities.

Our public awareness campaign, led by Caritas Internationalis, encourages people to take action, raise awareness, and strengthen relationships between migrants, refugees, and communities. This campaign is in response to Pope Francis' call to promote a culture of encounter—to see people on the move with humanity, to open hearts and minds, to change perceptions. Learn more at www.mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn/ or find a link on the parish website.

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

On Saturday, January 5, we will welcome and offer our prayer support to a new RCIA catechumen. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for all those who have reached the age of reason and who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed consciously and freely, seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. A catechumen is one who has not been baptized in any Christian faith. With God's help, our catechumen will be strengthened spiritually during her preparation and, at the proper time, will celebrate the sacraments of initiation within our community. This is an opportunity for the catechumen and for us, because we are committing ourselves to walk with her as part of our own ongoing process of conversion. Our spiritual work, therefore, is to be both example and companion for her journey. This rite includes the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, as well as additional rites belonging to the catechumenate as endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The rites will take place at various Masses during the coming weeks. It is the privilege and responsibility of all of us to pray for and support this young woman as she journeys forward in faith.

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert

Wednesday, January 2—and every first Wednesday of the month.

Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street
Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop. Please join us every 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoy some time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folk from St. Pascal's. We hope to see you there!

Cana Dinner, Save the Date

St. Pascal's is joining forces with Blessed Sacrament for a Cana 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 at richard.moore@stpascals.org.

Rosary—In Unity There is Strength

Join us every Wednesday at 9:00 AM to pray the rosary together. Then stay for the School Mass at 9:30. You will love the beautiful liturgy as only children can provide. Please join us when you are able. Any questions call Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

OUR SCHOOL

Grocery Bagging at Sun Ray Cub Foods

Saturday, January 5 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Shopping? Help St. Pascal students to raise funds for their 2020 Washington DC trip.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us this fall with our Culver's Nights and grocery bagging. We appreciate your support!

Happy New Year!

May God pour his love and blessings on you and all those you love. In 2019 may you follow your dreams, live like there is no tomorrow and love unconditionally.

—St. Pascal's School Staff

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Registration News

St. Pascal's Early Learning Center is offering PRIORITY REGISTRATION to all current and/or new children registering for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. And, a spectacular incentive for all who register by JANUARY 10, 2019!

What are early registration incentives?

Preschool and Pre-K families registered by Thursday, January 10 will receive TWENTY (20) HOURS FREE Extended Day Care (a \$100 value); or \$100 off their first month's tuition. Your choice!

How to register:

- Go to stpascalschool.org/admissions/ and choose Preschool/PreK from the drop down menu.
- Click on the 2019-2020 school year and create an account (be sure to remember your password!) Complete the Admissions steps. Preschool and PreK families choose option and number of days attending (5 days a week, Tuesday/Thursday or Monday-Wednesday-Friday). Preschool offers a half-day (9:00 – 12:30) and a full day (9:00 – 3:30) program. The PreK program is a full day kindergarten readiness program (9:00 – 3:30).
- \$50.00 registration fee per child.

We look forward to seeing you at the Preschool-Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, January 10 from 4:00-6:00 PM. It's a great opportunity to meet our Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and for your child to see their new classroom!

Men's Club House-made Donuts & Hospitality

Sunday, January 13 after both Masses

Don't miss the Men's Club's freshly made donuts and their secret formula orange drink. Donuts will also be available for purchase at \$5 a dozen.

IN THE PARISH

Ramsey Family Service Center

Ramsey Family Service Center 2019 volunteer schedules have been sent. This project started in March of 1983; first it was done at the Neighborhood House on St. Paul's Westside; then it moved to the Lowry Family Shelter in downtown St. Paul; now it is up at the Ramsey Family Service Center, located near Aldrich arena. Volunteers from St. Pascal's and Grace Lutheran serve an evening weekday meal from 5-7; some go on Mondays for lunch. If you want to be a part of this ministry in the future—every other month or as a substitute—contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us.

St. Pascal Women's Book Club

Monday, January 14 at 7:00 PM

Time to make a new Year's Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women's Book Club. We meet in the Founder's Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon.

Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2019 selections or for more information.

Friends & Family: Mark Your Calendar

The 16th annual St Pascal's Friends & Family event is *Saturday, May 4, 2019*. This is one of St. Pascal's major fundraisers and a barrel of fun—please make plans to attend! Lots of gift cards are needed for this event. Perhaps you received a gift card for Christmas that you can't use—how about donating it to and the Friends & Family event? 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.

Listening House

St. Pascal's supports the Eastside-Listening House, dubbed "the living room of the homeless" by donating socks, underwear & coffee cups. Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet.

This collection is an ongoing ministry of the Women's Club.

CONTACT US

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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

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School Office Hours

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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 30, 2018

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mass for Mary Mother of God

4:00 PM People of the parish

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Mary Mother of God

9:00 AM People of the parish

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

9:30 AM + A deceased member of
the parish

Thursday, January 3, 2019

7:30 AM People of the parish

Friday, January 4, 2019

7:30 AM Men's Club

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:30 PM + Emma Carbone

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 AM People of the parish

10:30 AM + A deceased member of
the parish

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96: 1-2, 11-13

Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday:

Mary Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 1:19-28

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6

Ps 98:1, 3cd-6

Jn 1:29-34

Friday:

1 Jn 3:7-10

Ps 98:1, 7-9

Jn 1:35-42

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:11-21

Ps 100:1b-5

Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Heartfelt Thanks

Many thanks to the Men's Club for funding the installation of tinted window film in the Conway atrium. Bright sunlight made it very hard for Karri to greet people at the Welcome Desk.

Visitors, parishioners and staff who use the space will be now able to see without sunglasses!

Ministry & Service in the New Year

It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.

—MOTHER TERESA

It's a new year—add some volunteer or service time in 2019 to enrich your life and the lives of others.

Each week at St. Pascal's lots of people just like you give their time to serve the parish community. We know you are busy and there are a million things competing for your time and attention.

But we also know you will make great friends and grow in your relationship to the community and to God through your service.

You'll find there are lots of ways that you can contribute to the vibrant community at St. Pascal's through one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities. Every volunteer makes a difference at St. Pascal's! For a complete list of opportunities, visit the parish website at <http://www.stpascals.org/volunteering>.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, December 30, 2018

No scheduled events

Monday, December 31, 2018- Tuesday, January 1, 2019

NO SCHOOL: Christmas Break

Parish office closed

4:00pm Mass (for the holy day)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019—Mary Mother of God

Holy day of obligation

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:15am School Resumes

9:30am School Mass

1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul

6:30pm Catechist Meeting: SL

6:30pm RCIA: FR

Thursday, January 3, 2019

7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: CF

7:00pm SJCC: FR

Friday, January 4, 2019

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 5, 2019

10:00am Middle School Grocery Bagging: Sun Ray Cub Foods

4:30pm RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

Sunday, January 6, 2019—The Epiphany

12:00pm Confirmation II: CH, FR, OC

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

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

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**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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