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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.

MARCH 3, 2019 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

The Book of Sirach—Wise Sayings for Life

Our First Reading this Sunday comes from the Old Testament Book of Sirach also known as “Ecclesiasticus” meaning “Church book.” The author of the Book of Sirach identifies himself in Chapter 50, verse 27 as “Jesus, son of Eleazar, son of Sirach.” The Book of Sirach contains sayings about friendship, education, poverty, wealth, religious worship and other matters. (New American Bible, Introduction to Sirach.)

The Book of Sirach belongs to the category of “wisdom” literature in the Bible. Wisdom literature instructs the reader on the proper ways of living. Wisdom writers use teaching techniques of story-telling, exhortation, warnings, questioning, riddles, parables, and metaphors to instruct, advise and persuade. We should not be surprised when we come across what appears to be “the moral of the story.” (New American Bible, Introduction to the Wisdom Books.)

Our First Reading this Sunday comes from Sirach, Chapter 27, verses 4-7. Here are the four verses and my comments about the wisdom contained therein:

1. (Sirach 27:4) – “When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one’s faults when one speaks.” A sieve, or strainer, makes objects appear openly and obviously. When we speak, our faults and limitations become obvious to other people. Yet, rather than becoming nervous about speaking, it is helpful to remember that no one is perfect, and the words we speak will not be perfect either, and that is part of being human.
2. (Sirach 27:5) – “As a test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just.” When pottery is fired in the furnace, it becomes hardened and firm. Without the heat of the furnace, clay pottery will never become durable. Similarly, tribulations in life can benefit us if we allow them to form us in strong character, durability and perseverance.
3. (Sirach 27:6) – “The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind.” Similar to a tree whose fruit gives evidence of how much care was put into the tree, our spoken words show what we have been thinking and what is the bent of our mind.
4. (Sirach 27:7) – “Praise no one before they speak, for it is then that people are tested.” Our spoken words and our actions need to agree with each other. If our words and actions do not agree, then we do not deserve praise.

I encourage you to read the Book of Sirach. The verses will cause you to smile with their practicality and common sense nature. You might discuss the verses of Sirach at the dinner table with your family, or you can talk about them over coffee with friends. The wisdom sayings in the Bible written so long ago still contain helpful lessons for our lives today.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert at Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street

One day early this month—Tuesday, March 5 at 1:30 PM

We share free desserts with our St. Pascal friends after the 1:00 PM Mass. Come and enjoy time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folk from St. Pascal’s. See you on March 5! (Back to our regular 1st Wednesday on April 3.)

Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM each Day at Marian Center

The Joy of Ministry

Three *more* reasons to consider becoming an Usher or Greeter:

1. It’s already on your calendar! (Minister just one weekend per month, at the Mass of your choice.)
2. You can do it as a family! (Visitors love to see kids in action!)
3. To honor our friend Sue Moyer! (Hospitality was Sue’s middle name—consider “putting on your own pair of red shoes” to do it for her!)

Contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or carla.hibbison@gmail.com.

Encounter Lent: CRS Operation Rice Bowl

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl, a Lenten Faith-in-Action program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Pick up a rice bowl for yourself or your family at the table in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend, and celebrate Lent with these simple but faith-filled resources:

- Use the CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The calendar includes inspiring stories and recipes for simple, meatless meals you can prepare at home.
- Visit csrricebowl.org/stories for videos of the people and communities you support through your gifts to CRS Rice Bowl
- Visit csrricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season.

Saint John's University Men's Chorus

Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 PM in the church

The concert is part of the choir’s 2018-19 Concert Season. Under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer, a native of Austria and a former member of the Vienna Boy’s Choir, who has been on the music faculty at Saint John’s University and the College of Saint Benedict since 1969, the 26 member choir will perform concerts throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin and, during the day, visit High Schools, sharing their music with music lovers of all ages. Free but donations are always appreciated!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Jacob Alexander Hamilton
child of Alexander & Christine

who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

LENT RETREAT

Encountering Jesus in Lent: A Parish Mini-Retreat with Fr. John Mitchell & Dcn. Richard Moore

Monday, April 1 from 6:30-8:30 PM OR
 Tuesday, April 2 from 10:00 AM-Noon
 Join us for a parish mini-retreat this Lent as Fr. John and Deacon Rich help us explore the Gospel stories of the woman caught in adultery and the Samaritan woman at the well. Each session will include lecture, guided reflection, small group discussion, and prayer. The same material will be presented at both sessions. Participants are welcome to attend one or both sessions. An optional dinner or lunch will be provided to those who would like to join us before or after the presentations. A free will offering will be taken. There is no fee to attend, but please register by March 29 so we can plan appropriately for meals and hospitality. To RSVP, please call the parish office at 651.774.1585 or register online at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

Women's Book Club

Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM, Staff Lounge
 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—come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss Kent Haruf's *Plainsong* and next month, April 8, we'll discuss Mary Logue's *Frozen Stiff*. Ms. Logue, the author and Hamline Professor, writes mysteries set in the Lake Pepin area and will share the evening with us!

9th Annual Taste of St. Pascal's—Sunday, March 3, 4:00-6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

This is our 9th Mardi Gras Taste of St. Pascal's potluck supper celebrating the cultural heritage and diversity of all parishioners. In past years, more than 200 participants have feasted on fabulous ethnic dishes in addition to foods as American as macaroni and cheese or even White Castle hamburgers! Fr. John will lead us in Polish and Irish songs....maybe some others...anyone ready to Polka?

Did you forget to RSVP? Want to invite friends at the last minute? Not to worry! We would love to see you at the Taste of St. Pascal's. If you can come early to help with set-up or stay a bit later to help with clean-up, you are most welcome and your assistance is appreciated!

Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from March 8 – April 12

4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)

The "All-You-Can-Eat" menu offers fried or baked cod, coleslaw, steamed mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes or seasoned fries, rolls and butter, coffee, water, and chocolate or vanilla pudding. Milk, bottled water and assorted pop extra. Raffle and baked goods sale. Take-out will be available!

Adults (12 and up): \$12.00 | Children (6-11): \$5.00 | Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for our school Physical Education program and extracurricular sports activities, plus other parish/school needs.

FAITH FORMATION

**SAVE THE DATE! June 24-28, 2019
 Vacation Bible School 2019**

ROAR! Life is wild—God is good

Make plans now to join us for VBS 2019. At ROAR kids discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. Life is wild for kids—full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can often feel chaotic and out of control. At ROAR kids experience the solid foundation of God's goodness—something they can stand on, cling to, hold, and remember when the wild side of life doesn't feel so fun or adventurous.

Registration forms will be available beginning in early April.

Help will be needed in all areas! Contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org if you are interested.

Mass Time Safety and Security

We welcome all who join our parish community for weekend Masses while balancing the safety and security of all in the building. Over the years, the Conway doors have remained open during services with no greeter to ensure all entering the building are attending our worship celebrations. In order to ensure that all open doors have a greeter at weekend liturgies, the Conway entrance will remain locked starting the weekend of March 9/10. We appreciate your patience as we enact these measures to ensure that all are safe and secure during worship at St. Pascal's.

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

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

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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 3:45 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

March 3, 2019

Tuesday, March 05

7:30 AM + Mary Roche

Wednesday, March 06

Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM The people of the parish

6:30 PM The people of the parish

Thursday, March 07

7:30 AM The people of the parish

Friday, March 08

7:30 AM + A deceased member of
the parish

Saturday, March 09

4:30 PM + Frank Brodniewicz

Sunday, March 10

8:45 AM + Rosita O'Connell

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7

Ps 92:2-3, 13-16

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Monday:

Sir 17:20-24

Ps 32:1-2, 5-7

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12

Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

The 16th Annual Friends & Family Event

*Saturday, May 4 at 5:30 PM in
Brioschi Hall—Mark your calendar!*

This is one of St. Pascal's major fundraisers and a barrel of fun—please make plans to attend! The theme this year is "*Doing Great Things Together: Celebrating Diversity!*" and the evening's entertainment is Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca.

It's a night not to be missed!

Online Lenten Retreat—An Ignatian Prayer Adventure

This online Lenten retreat begins the week of Ash Wednesday and continues through the first week of Easter. We hope that this retreat will provide you an opportunity for spiritual renewal as you take part in the reflections and exercises. Use as much or as little of the material as helps you in your personal Lenten adventure. More information and a link to the retreat can be found on the parish website. Check out the links to other Lent resources while you are there! May your Lent be a time of renewal, worship and going deeper into living your gospel call. *Sacred Space is a joint apostolate of the Irish Jesuits and Loyola Press.*

Rosary—In Unity There is Strength

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

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 contact Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, March 3—We Care Campaign

Pick up your Rice Bowls beginning this weekend in the gather space!

After Masses Girl Scout Cookie Sale: CM

12:00pm Confirmation I: OC

4:00pm Taste of St. Pascal: BH

Monday, March 4

6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

Tuesday, March 5

8:15am Bible Study: PC

9:00am Welcome Rite & Visitation for Georgia Egge

10:30am Funeral & Luncheon for Georgia Egge

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

Note date change for March!

6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

7:00pm Bible Study: PC

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am School Mass with ashes—All are welcome!

6:30pm Mass with ashes

Thursday, March 7

9:00am Archdiocesan Staff Retreat: CH, BH

9:30am Bible Study: PC

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

7:00pm Social Justice & Caring Committee: FR

Friday, March 8

4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

Saturday, March 9

7:00pm St. John's University Men's Chorus Concert: CH

Sunday, March 10—1st Sunday of Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins (turn your clocks FORWARD 1 hour at bedtime on Saturday!)

After Masses Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast: BH, Kit

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

10:30am Rite of Sending (RCIA): CH

2:00pm Rite of Election (RCIA): Cathedral of Saint Paul

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

The St. Pascal's Legacy Society

The St. Pascal's Legacy Society's purpose is to actively reach out to St. Pascal's parishioners and ask the question, "Are you interested in helping our parish endure for future generations through planned giving?"

What is a planned gift? Planned giving is any gift, made in your lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. Where will your donation go? That is up to you—to the general church budget, the St. Pascal's endowment, to pay down our mortgage or split up your gift. What legacy do you want to leave your church community? If you have questions or want to learn more contact Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.



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