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

DECEMBER 01, 2019  |  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bringing Them Home. In 1963, when the Catholic Church permitted cremation as an option for Catholics, it was never specified what should be done with the cremated remains. Since 1963, the Church has tried to be clear in her teaching that cremated remains should be either buried in a cemetery or placed above ground in a cemetery mausoleum or columbarium. We bury our dead or place their remains in a mausoleum or columbarium out of reverence for God our Creator and as a sign that we look forward to the resurrection of the body on the Last Day. However, Minnesota civil law recognizes cremation as the final disposition of the body and does not require that anything specific be done with the cremated remains. Therefore, some people keep the cremated remains of their loved one in an urn or container in their home, and as time passes, sometimes an urn or container with cremated remains is found in someone’s closet, attic or garage. Initially, the cremated remains were in the possession of a family member who wanted to keep that person close. However, there might not be a long-term plan as to who will care for the remains in the future, and sometimes the cremated remains in the urn are left behind or abandoned. To help provide help in these situations, beginning in 2020, The Catholic Cemeteries of the Twin Cities will provide an option for those who are looking for a permanent resting place for their loved one’s cremated remains. The option is to have the remains interred in a community crypt at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights in the Chapel Mausoleum. Families can have their loved one’s name memorialized at the mausoleum, as well. With this ministry, The Catholic Cemeteries are trying to accompany people through the grieving process and allowing for burial in a place where the whole family can come and remember a loved one. The deceased person need not be Catholic in order to be interred at Resurrection Cemetery. The cemetery will hold a communal committal service and maintain a permanent record of the presence of the deceased. For more information, call The Catholic Cemeteries at 651-228-9991. Their website is: catholic-cemeteries.org. (Source: Fall/Winter 2019 edition of “Heritage – A newsletter for friends of The Catholic Cemeteries”.)

Watch out for scams via Text Message and Email. Recently, someone sent a text message to one of our St. Pascal’s parishioners asking for help, and the person was a scammer using my name. Here is the wording of the text message: “Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus….Are you available at the moment? I need a favor from you There is something i need you to do. I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, text me back as soon as you get this message . Fr. John Mitchell”. The text message has punctuation errors, and I think the words sound suspicious. I will not send you an Email message or text message asking for help or money or gift cards. If a text message, email or phone call sounds fishy and suspicious, I suggest that you do not respond to it. Unfortunately, this type of scamming happens regularly to parishes and clergy of all religious denominations throughout the Twin Cities and the country. None of us wants a scam artist to take advantage of us, and sometimes it is difficult to know who you can trust. At the same time, Catholic Social Teaching asks us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first, and we are called to work together for the common good and the well-being of all people, especially the poor and vulnerable. I’ll try to remember this the next time someone uses my name in a scam text message!

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Advent Reconciliation Services
Parish Advent Reconciliation
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Plan to join us on this evening as we celebrate God’s love and forgiveness. Several children will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time. This is an opportunity for the community to embrace these children, leading them to the sacrament by your example. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions. A social will follow in Briosci Hall.

Regional School & Parish Reconciliation
Friday, December 13 at 9:25 am

Can You Help?
We are in need of people to provide cookies and bars for the Advent Reconciliation Service reception on Tuesday, December 3 as well as for the Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 9. Volunteers are also needed to help set up, serving, and clean up. If you are able to assist with any of this, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Immaculate Conception
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, at 8:00 AM. This feast is not a holy day of obligation this year.

Christmas Wreaths
Sunday, December 1 & 8 after both Masses
Boy Scout Troop 294 will be selling Christmas wreaths outside the main church doors (Flandrau entrance).
We will have many different types of wreaths available. Profits from the sale will help our Scouts with costs associated with the camping and high adventure trips we take each year.
Thank you for your support.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...
Teresa Helmsberger
who was recently memorialized from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul’s eternal peace.
How does St. Pascal Regional Catholic School strive for Excellence?
Over the months to come, we will give you a glimpse of our excellence in the 2019-2020 school year.

Spanish Program
Preschool and Kindergarten—Spanish is introduced through a natural exposure to the language involving the use of songs, puppets, games, dance and videos. The focus is on oral language development which is of vital importance in acquiring proficiency.
First and Second grade—The focus is on language acquisition, cultural appreciation and the gradual learning of new vocabulary, presented mainly in an active way. Written work reinforces the use of Spanish in class and provides parents with a way to know what their child is learning and a tool for them to help their children review at home.
Third through Sixth grades—Study becomes increasingly more academic and includes the intentional introduction of grammar. Homework and formal assessments are introduced. Cultural appreciation and a variety of active learning opportunities continue to be introduced.
Seventh and Eighth grade—Students continue to build their vocabulary and learn grammar more intentionally, both implicitly through their use of Spanish and explicitly through the direct instruction of grammatical rules. Active learning continues at this level and includes the use of skits, puppetry, peer tutoring, etc.
If you would like to visit and tour St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, please call us at 651.776.0092.
Inna Collier Paske
Principal

Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale
Saturday & Sunday, December 14 & 15 in Brioschi Hall
Bakers, start your ovens! Buyers, sharpen your sweet tooth! We'll be selling baked goods after all Masses December 14-15...look for us!

JustFaith Catholic
This fall two small groups have been meeting as a part of JustFaith Catholic Phase One, with a focus on “Journey to Compassion.” Phase Two—“Journey to Justice”—will begin at the end of January. Through its focus on the U.S. criminal justice system and income inequality, Phase Two challenges participants to revisit how our faith informs our responsibility to each other. One can join Phase Two even if they did not participate in Phase One. JustFaith Catholic at St. Pascal’s is sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Watch the bulletin and website for more information about Phase Two or contact Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

Women's Club Christmas Party
Saturday December 7, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM in Brioschi Hall
Attention All Women of St. Pascal’s—and Your Friends!
Stop by and buy a ticket for the annual Women's Club Christmas party after Masses today—it is only $12 this year! The last day to buy a ticket is Monday, December 2.
We will have a great brunch, fellowship, a fun game and Christmas carols. Get into the Christmas spirit and have a merry time! Questions call Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241.

Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon
Early Meeting: Thursday, December 12 at 11:00 AM in the Church and Brioschi Hall
We will begin with Fr. John celebrating the Eucharist with us. Our meal will be Marsala Chicken for which we will ask a $10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. The entertainment will be The Banjo Variety Band, four men with eight instruments. Please RSVP by Monday, December 9 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or Barb Kendle 651.738.3799. We look forward to seeing you. Bring your friends for a good time!
Don't forget: The Hill-Murray Theatre's FREE senior preview of Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn is Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM.

St. Pascal’s Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot—Celebrating 50 Years!
Now through December 23 or until sold out
Check out our excellent selection of Fraser fir, balsam fir, Scotch pine, and white pine trees. Wreaths and swags are available as well. Sale hours are:
Monday through Friday from 3:00-9:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

St. Pascal Office
651.774.1585
church@stpascals.org
For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours
September 3, 2019-June 5, 2020
Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils
Parish Pastoral Council
Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair
Parish Finance Council
Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

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School Office Hours
September 3, 2019-June 5, 2020
Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information
Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:45 PM (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 Packer

Parish Communication
Bulletin Notices
Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements
Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, December 03
8:00 AM + A deceased member of the parish

Wednesday, December 04
9:25 AM Nina and +Padre Pio

Thursday, December 05
8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, December 06
8:00 AM Men’s Club

Saturday, December 07
4:30 PM + Don Hensel

Sunday, December 08
8:45 AM + Terry Lemke
10:30 AM The people of the parish

Readings

Sunday:
Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Monday:
Is 4:2-6
Ps 122:1-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:
Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:
Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:
Is 26:1-6
Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:
Is 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Mt 9:35—10:1,5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:
Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:49
Mt 3:1-12

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

Wednesday, December 4—Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop.

Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert 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!

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

October 2019

Sunday Collection
Sunday Giving $ 62,456.61
Budgeted $ 68,337.51
Variance $ -5,880.90 (-8.6%)

YTD Sunday Giving $ 231,297.76
Budgeted $ 273,349.92
Variance $ -42,052.16 (-15%)

Mortgage
Loan Balance (11/15/19) $ 3,508,283.99
Payment $ 24,389.84
(p-$11,508.37; i-$12,881.47)

Thank you for your support!

"Inspiration is always a surprising visitor."
— John O’Donohue, Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom
THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, December 1 — First Sunday of Advent
After Masses: Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast
After Masses: Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Main doors
After Masses: Women’s Club Christmas Party ticket sales: GS
9:00am: Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot
11:45am: Women’s Club Board meeting: FR

Monday-Friday, December 2-6
3:00pm: Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot

Monday, December 2
6:30pm: Boy Scouts 294: SL

Tuesday, December 3
6:30pm: JustFaith: FR
6:30pm: Parish Advent & 1st Reconciliation: CH

Wednesday, December 4
9:00am: Rosary: CH
9:25am: Regional School Mass — All are welcome!
1:00pm: JustFaith: FR
1:00pm: Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
6:30pm: Choir: CR
6:30pm: Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, December 5
7:00pm: Men’s Club Board meeting: CF
7:00pm: SJCC: FR

Friday, December 6 — Feast of St. Nicholas
3:00pm: Women’s Club Christmas Party setup: BH, Kit

Saturday, December 7
8:00am: Women’s Club Christmas Party prep: BH, Kit
9:00am: Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot
11:00am: Women’s Club Christmas Party: BH

Sunday, December 8 — Second Sunday of Advent
9:00am: Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot
After Masses: Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Main doors
After Masses: New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm: Confirmation 2: OC

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Briosci Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, GS: Gathering Space, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

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 on or before December 22. Suggested donation is $10.

I would like to purchase a Christmas plant (circle one)

In Honor of / In Memory of

From:

Thank you for your generosity and care!

Please note: Memorial/Honorarium names received after December 22 will not appear in the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert on December 29 (Holy Family).