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 15, 2019 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times
Saturday 4:30 PM  I  Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL)  I  Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  8:00 AM  I  Wednesday 9:25 AM
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word “Gaudete” is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass today which is: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is gaudete (Latin, “rejoice”; it’s also pronounced with three syllables: gau-de-te). Why should we “rejoice” on this Third Sunday of Advent? Since Advent is a season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord (both his first coming and his second coming), the Third Sunday occurs halfway through the Advent Season. Thus, it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: “The Lord is near”. Why do priests and deacons wear rose/pink vestments on this Sunday? On both Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent) and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), priests and deacons at Mass may wear rose/pink colored vestments rather than violet/purple vestments. The rose color is a sign of joy which characterizes Laetare and Gaudete Sunday.

What's Working and What's Not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Bernard Hebda wants to hear from you. Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process for the Archdiocesan Synod, and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years.

Next three Prayer and Listening Events:
- Saturday, January 4, 1:00-4:00 PM at Holy Cross Church (Minneapolis)
- Saturday, January 25, 9:00 AM-Noon at St. Peter Claver Church (St. Paul)
- Tuesday, January 28, 6:00-9:00 PM at Pax Christi Church (Eden Prairie)

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Conference for Restorative Justice and Reconciliation is Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 8:30 AM-3:00 at Holiday Inn & Suites, Lake Elmo. This one-day conference is open to all victim/survivors, interested and relevant stakeholders, and anyone who has been impacted by the clergy sexual abuse crisis. Watch for more details in the coming weeks on the Archdiocesan website at www.archspm.org. If you have questions about Restorative Justice Groups, please contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, at 651.291.4429.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for December: The Future of the Very Young. That every country determines to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Energy Efficiency at St. Pascal’s
Over the past months, we have added motion sensors to hallways and retrofitted exterior fixtures and upgraded most of our worship space lighting to LED. While the worship space project is not yet finished, we are already seeing the results of these energy saving measures. The electric bill for November of 2018 was $4,321.98. Our 2019 November bill was $2,858.34; a savings of $1,463.64 or a decrease of 33.9%. This was only the first month that the new LED lights were in use in the worship space.

We are hopeful that this trend will continue. Our long-range building plan includes adding more LED lighting over the next few years. Our goal is illuminating all 89,000 square feet with this earth-friendly technology. We hope to see similar savings over the summer air conditioning months due to our HVAC controller upgrades. Many thanks to those who donated to our Fund A Need project that paid for this effort.

As a parish community, we are mindful of spending wisely and taking care of our earth. Many thanks to all who have helped in these efforts of energy conservation.

Christmas Season

Holy Day Liturgy Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday, December 24:
  - 4:00 PM (no incense) & 10:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 25:
  - 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Tuesday, December 31:
  - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 1:
  - 9:00 AM

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.

Archdiocesan Synod 2021
Wondering how you can participate in the Synod?

1. Please pray for the Synod and our Archdiocese
2. Pray the pre-synod prayer and the monthly prayer intention
   - Attend one of the 20 prayer and listening events
   - Complete the “Disciple Maker Index” Survey, rolling out in February 2020
4. Year 2 (Fall 2020):
   - Join a parish small group

Learn more at www.archspm.org/synod.

The Great St. Pascal Get-Together First Wednesday Mass & Dessert at the Marian Center—200 Earl Street
We are shifting our day to the 2nd Thursday of each month starting in January!
Join St. Pascal friends for dessert at 1:30 PM and enjoy a visit with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folk from St. Pascal’s.
Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM. See you on January 9!

“One of the deepest longings of the human soul is to be seen.”
—John O’Donohue
Going into our last week before Christmas break, I am thrilled to see our school come alive this week!

The Christmas spirit comes in many forms, but the source of our Christmas remains the same. We are able to celebrate Jesus as we gather in the church for our Advent Concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 12:30 PM and again at 6:00 PM. The kids sing with joy and pray in adoration for the coming of our Savior. You will be able to feel the spirit of the season amongst us.

There are other signs of Christmas as I walk through the school—the abundance of Christmas goodies around the school and the overflowing joy that our volunteers bring weekly is amazing! Soon packages wrapped for our students’ families from the Santa Shop, a tradition of the school, will add to the happy atmosphere.

Friday will bring kids dressed in red and green to celebrate the season. Teachers join in, adorn in festive wear, as Christmas gifts are exchanged for hugs of gratitude.

As the week closes and people exchanged Christmas greetings, I am overcome with the feeling of comfort and joy. It is time for a break and time to celebrate the wonders of His love.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and let's break and time to celebrate the wonders of His love. 

Inna Collier Paske, Principal

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**REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Confirmation Preparation**

9th Grade Families

Recently a mailing was sent to families of 9th graders regarding registration for confirmation. 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. Registration forms are due December 16.

Mark your calendar!

**We have some great events coming to St. Pascal’s in 2020—**

10th Taste of St. Pascal Potluck Dinner

Sunday, February 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us if you can help with entertainment, set up (3:00-4:00 PM), serving or clean up (6:00-7:00 PM).

**Men’s Club Fish Fry—All Fridays in Lent**

March 6-April 3 from 4:30-7:00 PM

2020 Friends and Family Event: The 2nd Running of “Off to the Races”

Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Brioschi Hall

Now all we need is YOU! We need your help to run all the games, dessert auction, registration, selling tickets and more. If you would like to help in the planning or help on the day of the event, please let us know.

As you are picking up items for your Christmas shopping, please consider picking up a gift card or two for this event. We use lots of gift cards for prizes and for the games.

Questions? Contact the event chairs: Mike Aeling mjaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8237

Ellen Aeling ellenoaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8241

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**St. Pascal’s Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot**

**St. Pascal’s Men’s Club tree lot is celebrating 50 years of bringing beautiful, real trees to the community.**

Now through December 23 or until sold out

We’re a one-stop shop with tree stands, tree bags and carry swags & wreaths as well.

- Balsam Fir, Scotch Pine, and White Pine range from $35 to $50 each
- Premium Frasier Fir range from $70 to $120

No truck? No worries—we will tie the tree on your car for you! 100% of all proceeds go to support the parish and St. Pascal Regional School.

Sale hours are:

- Monday through Friday from 3:00-9:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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**CONTACT US**

**Parish Office**

Phone 651.774.1585

Email 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 6:30 PM

Mary Weyandt, Chair

**Parish Finance Council**

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM

Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

**St. Pascal Regional Catholic School**

Phone 651.776.0092

Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

**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 Kackman

**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 17
8:00 AM  +  A deceased member of the parish

Wednesday, December 18
9:30 AM  + Betty & Harold Kirchoff

Thursday, December 19
8:00 AM  The people of the parish

Friday, December 20
8:00 AM  + Jim Brown

Saturday, December 21
4:30 PM  The people of the parish

Sunday, December 22
8:45 AM  + Clem Kachelmyer
10:30 AM  + Ken Nerison

Heart Questions

Be Like Jesus
Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”
Matthew 11:11

Adults: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?
Kids: What have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

Readings

Sunday:
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Monday:
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday:
Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-6, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Friday:
Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:
Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Stewardship of Giving

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

October 2019

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Mortgage

Loans 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!
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

Sunday, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00am Book Fair: FR
9:00am Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot
After Masses Women’s Club Christmas Bake Sale

Monday-Friday, December 16-20
3:00pm Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot

Monday, December 16
8:00am Book Fair: FR
5:00pm Culver’s Night: Sun Ray Culvers
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL

Tuesday, December 17
12:00pm Book Fair: FR
12:30pm School Advent Concert: CH
6:00pm School Advent Concert: CH
7:00pm Spirituality Book Club: SL

Wednesday, December 18
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome
6:30pm Choir: CH
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, December 19
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting: OC

Friday, December 20
6:00pm Piano Recital: CH

Saturday & Sunday, December 21 & 22
9:00am Men’s Club Christmas Tree sales: Conway Lot

Saturday, December 21
9:30am Welcome Rite & Visitation for Mary Ann Schwab
11:00am Funeral & Luncheon for Mary Ann Schwab
10:00am Middle School Grocery Bagging: Sun Ray Cub

Sunday, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent
After Masses New Member Registration: BH

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

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

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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 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).