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 29, 2019 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Masses for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00 PM and Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00 PM. 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.

On Tuesday morning, December 31, there will be no 8:00 AM Mass celebrated here because we have Mass later in the day at 4:00 PM to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser, January 5-26. We will have a fundraiser to support the work of Options for Women East LifeCare Center, 891 White Bear Ave., St. Paul, 651.776.2328, optionsforwomeneast.com. After all the weekend Masses on January 4-5, a plastic baby bottle will be available to each person who would like to take the bottle home and fill it with cash or a check. From January 5-26, you can bring the bottle back to church and deposit the bottle and its contents into the large baby bottle receptacle in our Gathering Space. If you prefer electronic giving, the donor website for Options for Women East is ofwepartners.com. Options for Women East offers services and resources at no cost to women who are unexpectedly pregnant.

Thank you for supporting St. Pascal Regional Catholic School during their December Scholastic Book Fair school fundraiser. Thanks also for supporting the 7th/8th grade fundraiser at Culver’s Restaurant on December 16 and grocery bagging at Cub Foods on December 21 which are fundraising events for the 7th/8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. May 13-16, 2020.

Thank you to the St. Pascal’s Men’s Club for all their work with the Christmas Tree Sale this year. The men give many hours of work to the Tree Sale every year, and we appreciate all their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. Thanks also to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree at our tree lot.

Thank you to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club for all their work with the Christmas Bake Sale on December 14-15. We appreciate all the time and hard work our women in the Women’s Club give to the Bake Sale every December. Thanks also to everyone who donated items to the bake sale and to everyone who purchased baked goods at the sale.

Audio versions of Sunday homilies from Deacon Richard Moore and myself are available on our parish website at www.stpascals.org. Go to the drop down menu beneath the category “PRAY”, and then click on the link for HOMILIES, and select the homily of your choice.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

January 2020: Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

“Is the relationship between God and Jesus Christ not unique? Of course it is. But so is yours. The relationship between God and every human being is unique and irreplaceable—in ever-new variations of the Christ theme.”

—David Steindl-Rast, Deeper Than Words: Living the Apostles’ Creed

Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated Tuesday, December 31, at 4:00 PM and Wednesday, January 1, at 9:00 AM.

Fellowship Sunday

Men’s Club Fresh-made Donuts

Sunday, January 12 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 $6 a dozen.

Women’s Book Club

January 13 at 6:30 PM

Time to make a New Year’s resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women’s Book Club. We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. In January, we will discuss Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII by seven authors. On February 10 we will share our thoughts on The Chilbury Ladies’ Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2020 selections or for more information.

Archdiocesan Synod 2021

Wondering how you can participate in the Synod?

1. 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.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Courtney Anne Podobinski
child of Joseph & Jennifer
who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…

Rosemary Hall
James Stach

who were recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends, and pray for their souls’ eternal peace.
To all of our supporters, you have given the children at St. Pascal regional Catholic School a tremendous gift, the best gift: a quality Catholic education.

On behalf of the Santa Shop, Scholastic Book Fair donations, the countless volunteer hours to the school, and the entire dedicated faculty and staff of St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, thank you for choosing St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, thank you for providing the foundation in faith and values in a Catholic school, and thank you for embracing the mission of loving Jesus, loving like Jesus, and thinking of Jesus in every action each day!

Let us thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our school community. Thank you for your support in so many ways! May God continue to bless you and your family for the many sacrifices you make to provide a Catholic education for the children!

Have a great start to 2020!

Inna Collier Paske
Principal

It’s time to make our schedule for 2020 Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services
St. Pascal volunteers have served meals to those who often go without since March of 1983—join us this year! Some volunteers serve an evening weekday meal from 5:00-7:00 PM (3rd, 4th or 5th Monday and 2nd Wednesday of the month), others serve lunch on Monday. All assignments are every other month (6 times a year). Some of our groups need callers to remind the volunteers of their service night. Could you make 4-5 calls a few days before the team is scheduled to work? It’s an easy volunteer job that can be done from home! Contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us for more information, to volunteer, to change your service time, etc.

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 many 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 to be considered for the 2019 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.

JustFaith Catholic
The Gospel invites us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, going where Jesus goes and loving who Jesus loves. To love like Jesus is to love our family and friends AND the poor and vulnerable. If you would like to explore what it could mean for you to love like Jesus in your daily life, you are invited to participate in the JustFaith Catholic program. This fall, two small groups met 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.

Registration forms are now available in the kiosks and on the parish website. Watch the bulletin and website for more information about Phase Two or contact Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
8:00 AM  The people of the parish

Mass for Mary, Mother of God
4:00 PM  The people of the parish

Wednesday, January 01, 2020
Mary, Mother of God
(Holy day of obligation)
9:30 AM  The people of the parish

Thursday, January 02
8:00 AM  + Fr. Earl Simonson

Friday, January 03
8:00 AM  + A deceased member of the parish

Saturday, January 04
4:30 PM  The people of the parish

Sunday, January 05
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:45 AM  + Jim Brown
10:30 AM  + Don Hensel

Heart Questions
Nurturing Family Relationships
Joseph got up, took the Child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt.
Matthew 2:14

Adults: What can you do this week to help someone in your household or circle of friends feel more secure and loved?

Kids: What good thing will you do this week to show your love for a parent or grandparent?

Readings
December 29, 2019

Sunday:
Holy Family
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday:
1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-10
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:
Mary, Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:
1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28

Friday:
1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Ps 98:1, 3-6
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:
1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

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!
THE WEEKS AHEAD

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

Sunday, December 29, 2019—The Holy Family
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
No scheduled events

Monday, December 30, 2019
No scheduled events

Tuesday, December 31, 2019—New Year’s Eve
4:00pm Mass for Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2020—MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Holy day of obligation
9:00am Mass

Thursday, January 2, 2020
7:00pm Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00pm SJCC: FR

Friday, January 3, 2020
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 4, 2020
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS

Sunday, January 5, 2020—Epiphany of the Lord
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
11:45am Women’s Club Board meeting: FR
12:00pm Confirmation 2: CH, OC, SL

Monday, January 6, 2020
5:00pm Culver’s Night: Sun Ray Culver’s
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL
6:30pm AFF Committee meeting: Parish Office

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
11:00am Parish office closed (Staff day)
6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
7:30am School Board Meeting: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 9, 2020
1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
7:00pm Men’s Club Membership meeting: CF

Friday, January 10, 2020
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 11, 2020—Baptism of the Lord
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
6:00am Men’s Club Donut Making setup: Kit
8:00am Middle School grocery bagging: Sun Ray Cub Foods
9:00am Men’s Club Donut Making: Kit, BH
4:30pm Rite of Welcome/Acceptance (RCIA)

Sunday, January 12, 2020—Baptism of the Lord
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
After Masses Men’s Club Donut sales: BH
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm Confirmation 1: OC

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

“May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the
heart of wonder.”
—John O’Donohue, Eternal Echoes: Celtic Reflections on Our
Yearning to Belong