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.

JANUARY 05, 2020  |  THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

While I am on vacation from January 13-23, Father Mike Byron will celebrate the School Mass at 9:25 AM on Wednesday, January 15, and Father Charlie Lachowitzer will celebrate the School Mass here at 9:25 AM on Wednesday, January 22. Thought you’d like to know! All are welcome.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser, January 5-26. This weekend we begin a fundraiser to support the work of Options for Women East LifeCare Center, 891 White Bear Ave, St. Paul. Options for Women East offers services and resources at no cost to women who are unexpectedly pregnant. After all the Masses this weekend, pick up a plastic baby bottle, take it home and fill it with cash or a check, and then bring back the bottle by January 26 and deposit it into the large receptacle in the Gathering Space. If you prefer electronic giving, the donor website for Options for Women East is ofwepartners.com.

The Feast of the Epiphany and Immigration Sunday MN. Since 2009, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota have designated the Feast of Our Lord’s Epiphany to mark Immigration Sunday MN.

This year’s theme is “It is not just about migrants, it is about all of us” which is a continuation of Pope Francis’ message for the 2019 World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees. When families are torn apart and people are forced to live in fear it is an attack on their human dignity and a wound to all of us — the body of Christ. As the lack of resolution lingers into yet another decade, the severity of these wounds continues to grow. To learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches with regard to immigration, visit mncatholic.org and read the statement, “Unlocking the Gate in Our Hearts,” regarding the need for federal immigration reform. The beginning of the Bishops’ statement reads as follows: “We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, are deeply concerned about the nation’s immigration policy. It is inconsistent, ineffective, and does not promote the common good. The lack of an effective, coherent national policy has led to the introduction of many bills in state legislatures around the country, including in Minnesota, that seek to address the complex issue of immigration. Such bills are a response to the failure of the current federal immigration laws and regulations to halt illegal immigration and the resulting economic, social, and fiscal impact this has had on many state and local governments. Enforcement-focused state legislation, however, often divides immigrant families and criminalizes the efforts of those who work with immigrants. State legislation cannot repair a failed national policy. Thus, we seek to reiterate our support for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level, as well as propose the relevant principles that should guide those reforms. We recognize that finding solutions to the plight of immigrants today will sometimes necessitate the overcoming of boundaries in the heart, not just on the land. People erect walls for protection when they feel threatened. At some point, however, we must reach out to human persons in need, and the demands of our common human nature compel us to open a gate in the wall, so that what human dignity demands is not denied to a sister or brother. But before a gate finds its way into the walls outside, there must be a gate that opens in the heart.”

The Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious continues through February 2020. These funds support the immediate care of elder religious and help religious institutes bolster retirement savings. If you missed the donation envelopes for this collection that were in the Gathering Space during December and you would still like to give, please go to the Retired Religious website at retiredreligious.org.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

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.

Washington D.C. Fund raisers
Our middle school students are raising money for their Washington DC trip this spring. Take advantage of these upcoming opportunities and help support the 7/8 grade fundraising efforts.

Do You Need Groceries?
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sun Ray Cub Foods, Old Hudson Road
Come to the Sun Ray Cub and our 7/8 grade students will bag your groceries for you!

Culver’s Night
Monday, January 6, 5:00-7:00 PM
Sun Ray Culver’s, Old Hudson Road
Take a break from cooking after the holidays! The school receives 10% of ALL sales between 5:00-7:00 PM!

Marian Center Mass & Dessert
200 Earl Street (between Burns Ave. & Thorn St.)
Thursday, January 9 at 1:30 PM
Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert on the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy some time with your parish friends and invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folk from St. Pascal’s. Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM at Marian Center.

Baptized in Christ
We welcome into our community of faith Stella Jane Ricci, child of Ben & Brianna who was recently Baptized in our church. May God bless this household of faith.

“May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.” — John O’Donohue
**VIRTUS SESSION**

**VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children Volunteer Training Session**  
Saturday, February 29, from 9:00 AM-Noon in Brioschi Hall

The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) requires that adults working with children and youth or vulnerable adults fulfill the Essential 3 requirements (for new volunteers) or the Enhanced Essential 3 (for current volunteers). All NEW volunteers are required to complete the following:

1. **VIRTUS Safe Environment Training—Live Session AND Mandated Reporting Training (online).** If you need to attend a live VIRTUS session, one will be held at St. Pascal’s on Saturday, February 29 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon. You can create a VIRTUS account and register to attend this session, or one on a date/time more convenient to you, at www.virtusonline.org.

2. **Background Check (complete online)**

3. **Sign 2016 Code of Conduct (complete online)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is best to plan to complete E3 requirements at least one month before you plan to volunteer. Complete instructions for both new and current volunteers are available by going to www.stpascals.org/safe-environment or by contacting Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Upcoming St. Pascal Events: Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Our 10th Taste of St. Pascal Potluck Dinner**  
**Sunday, February 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall**

Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. 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).

**Friends and Family Event—The 2nd Running of “Off to the Races”**  
**Saturday, April 18 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall**

Now all we need to make this a success 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. We can use donations of gift cards for prizes and for the games.

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**ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2021**

Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from YOU about what’s working and what needs work in our parish and the Archdiocese in order to discern and establish focus areas to shape the future of our local Church. The actual synod will take place in 2021. ALL are encouraged to be involved in this process.

**Please pray for the Synod and our Archdiocese.** Cards with the pre-synod prayer and prayer journals for January are available in the kiosks or by contacting Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Attend one of the prayer and listening events.** At these events, participants pray, discuss, and give feedback on what is working well now in their parish and this Archdiocese, and what the challenges and opportunities are as we move forward together. A complete listing is available at www.archspm.org/synod.

**Upcoming events in our area are:**

- **Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul**
- **Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 AM -12 Noon at Lumen Christi in St. Paul**
- **Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 AM -12 Noon at Transfiguration in Oakdale**

**Complete the Discipleship Maker Index during the month of February 2020—details forthcoming.**

**JustFaith Catholic Phase Two—”Journey to Justice”**

**Beginning 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. Sessions are offered on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM AND Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 PM.

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 and are due by January 17. For more information contact Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

**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  
Mary Butler-Levine 651.735.0004  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Pat Kackman 651.774.3248  
Holidays as announced

**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, January 07
8:00 AM  +  A deceased member of the parish

Wednesday, January 08
9:25 AM  Women’s Club

Thursday, January 09
8:00 AM  +  Archbishop Harry Flynn

Friday, January 10
8:00 AM  Men’s Club

Saturday, January 11
4:30 PM  The people of the parish

Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord
8:45 AM  +  Rosemary & Larry Hall
10:30 AM  +  Joan Barsness

Heart Questions

A Gift for All People

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, “Where is the Child: who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

Adults: The Magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

Kids: What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

Readings

January 05, 2020

Sunday:
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday:
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:
1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:
1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Next Sunday:
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

Stewardship of Giving

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

November 2019

Sunday Collection
Sunday Giving $ 56,675.50
Budgeted $ 68,337.51
Variance $ -11,662.01 (-18%)

YTD Sunday Giving $ 287,973.26
Budgeted $ 341,687.43
Variance $ -53,714.14 (-16%)

Mortgage
Loan Balance (11/15/19) $ 3,496,319.32
Payment $ 25,539.84
(p-$11,508.37; i-$12,881.47)
(excess- $ 1,150.00)

Thank you for your support!
THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Monday, January 13
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL
6:30pm Women’s Book Club: FR

Tuesday, January 14
NO MASS
9:00am Environment & Art Winter decorating: CH

Wednesday, January 15
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 16
NO MASS
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting: OC

Friday, January 17
NO MASS

Saturday, January 18
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
10:00am Eucharistic Minister Formation: BH

Sunday, January 19
No scheduled events

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