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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.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Fill us with your many spiritual gifts.

Make us unbreakable vessels of holiness that will gleam forever in the light of your kingdom.

Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

1757 Conway Street | Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106 | 651.774.1585

website: www.stpascals.org | email: church@stpascals.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Our parish is participating in the Catholic Charities Annual Giving Tree.

Gift items include clothing, housewares, personal items and toys. Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space or go to the Advent/Christmas page on the parish website for a convenient link to the Wish List.

Step 1: Select an item(s) from the Giving Tree list.

Step 2: Shop for your selected gift(s) online or at your favorite store.

Step 3: Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of the locations listed below:

Mall of America North Parking Lot

60 E. Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

Friday, December 18 – Sunday, December 20 (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Catholic Charities Administrative Center

1200 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Monday - Friday (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Catholic Charities Distribution Center

341 Chester St., Saint Paul, MN 55107

Monday - Friday (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

You can also purchase your gift(s) online and ship your gifts to

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St. Pascal Baylon Church

1757 Conway St., Saint Paul, MN 55106

Please drop off your gift(s) before December 25.

The Giving Tree bin is located inside the Main Church doors (Door #3).

Communal Reconciliation with General Absolution on Wednesday, December 2 at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

Because of the COVID19 pandemic, Archbishop Hebda has granted special permission to priests to impart general absolution to multiple persons without prior confession. For those not able to attend the Communal Reconciliation celebration or come to individual Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons, "When people find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness and accompanied by a firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (Catechism, paragraph 1452).

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Financial Updates

Year-End Financial Gifts: As this calendar year quickly comes to a close, 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 over 35 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 2020 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.

Financial Statements: We now have the capability to send your giving statements via email using a secure server. We will test this system in the next few weeks with a year-to-date report. If this goes well, year-end statements will be sent in January via email. Those people who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their year-end statements in the mail. We hope to save on postage costs in this process.

Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 AM. Because of the COVID-19 situation, there will be NO evening Mass, but the morning Mass will be livestreamed and available for viewing on the parish YouTube channel. For a convenient link, visit stascals.org and click the "Livestream" button.

Advent Evening of Reflection: *Being Light in These Times*

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Advent is celebrated at the darkest time of the year as days get progressively shorter leading up to the winter solstice. This year has brought its own heaviness as we have faced darkness in our nation and the world. Yet as Catholic Christians we are called to wait in hope and cling to the promise that the darkness will not overcome us. We are called to watch for the light.

Join us in an evening of prayer reflecting on how we might be light for others in these times. This service will be livestreamed and archived on our parish YouTube page.

Christmas Wreath Sales

Two weekends only—25" or 36" wreaths or Door Swag

Boy Scout Troop 294 will be selling Christmas wreaths after all Masses November 28-29 and December 5-6 outside the main church doors. If you are not attending Mass in-person right now, and would like a wreath, please send an email to mjaeling@gmail.com or call 651.307.8237 (please leave a message). Include the size of the wreath you would like and your phone number and address. The order will then be assigned to one of the scouts for delivery. Payment can be made at that time. Thank You.

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot

1505 Burns Avenue, St. Paul

If you, your family, or neighbors you know need emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the curbside drive-up every Saturday, 10:30 AM – noon for a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary A. Tacheny

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Saintly Service Update at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

For the months of November and December, the school staff will incorporate the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola and assume positive intent in the ways that we interact with everyone around us. According to St. Ignatius and the teachings of the Jesuits, when we encounter someone we should monitor our emotions and assume good intentions on the part of the other person. By assuming positive intent, the school staff will work to take the time to respond thoughtfully to comments, concerns, conversations, and situations throughout our day. Staff can also provide a safe space where everyone feels heard, validated, and affirmed.

We also want to recognize two staff members, Andrea Mathison and Kaitlyn Baker, who, in the month of October, took to heart the message of St. Teresa of Calcutta and spent time being assertively friendly. Both excelled at creating a friendly atmosphere in the school office as well as made sure that everyone felt seen and cared for. Thank you for your wonderful example, Mrs. Mathison and Ms. Baker!

Celebrate Christmas at St. Pascal's Christmas Masses

Music led by parish musicians 15 minutes before Mass

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM (no incense)

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Women's Club News***Oh, how we wish we were signing up for our annual Christmas Party!***

It is not too late to send in your dues for the year. Dues are only \$10 and can be sent to the parish office (clearly marked for Women's Club), or put it in an envelope (clearly marked for Women's Club) in the Sunday collection.

Thank you to those who supported our Christmas Poinsettias Sale. Many plants were donated to the residents of the Marian Center. We hope to have a Spring Plant Sale also. If you would like to join the Women's Club Board (we meet via Zoom), please contact Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

St. Pascal's Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot—Celebrating 51 Years!

Now through December 23 or until sold out

We're a one-stop shop with tree stands, tree bags plus swags & wreaths. Check out our excellent selection of Fraser fir, balsam fir, Scotch pine, and white pine trees. No truck? No worries—we will tie the tree on your car for you! 100% of all proceeds go right back to St. Pascal's parish and St. Pascal Regional Catholic School. Sale hours are:

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

COVID-19 policies are in effect.

— 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 18.

— FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE —

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting Against the Sin of Racism

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Archbishop Hebda has designated December 2 as a day of prayer and fasting and invites people to pray and fast to end the sin of racism. Individuals are invited to participate in a 7:00 PM prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul either socially distanced in person, or virtually via the Cathedral's Facebook page.

Consecration to St. Joseph

The formal opening to the Archdiocesan Year of St. Joseph takes place on Tuesday, December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception), 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. COVID-19 protocols will be observed for those in attendance, and the event will be livestreamed. During the Mass, Archbishop Hebda will offer a special prayer consecrating the Archdiocese to St. Joseph as preparations for Synod 2022 continue. For more information about the Year of St. Joseph go to www.archspm.org/

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

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 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
Mike Aeling, Chair

**St. Pascal
Regional Catholic School**

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information**Reconciliation**

Saturday from 4:00-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

November 29, 2020

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 AM + Jim Brown

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, December 3

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, December 4

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, December 5

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, December 6

8:45 AM + Jim Nelson

10:30 AM + Emilia & Carlos Calubayan

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

Monday:

Rom 10:9-18

Ps 19:8-11

Mt 4:18-22

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 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 85:9-14

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

Heart Questions

God's Faithfulness

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Adults: How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

Kids: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

October 2020

Sunday Giving	\$	58,343.50
Budget	\$	<u>65,697.92</u>
Surplus	\$	- 7,354.42

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$	226,677.77
Budget	\$	<u>262,791.64</u>
Deficit	\$	- 36,113.87

Mortgage Balance

(as of 11/7/2020)	\$	3,323,928.07
Principal Paid	\$	12,180.61
Interest Paid	\$	<u>12,209.23</u>
Total Payment	\$	24,389.84

Many thanks to all for helping us put a dent in the budget deficit. We are doing everything possible to watch expenses while maintaining our presence in the community; through worship, education, and outreach.

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

After Masses Boy Scout Wreath Sale: Main Church Doors
9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot

Monday, November 30-Friday December 4

3:00 PM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot

Monday, November 30

6:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

Tuesday, December 1

6:30 PM JustFaith-ZOOM

Wednesday, December 2

3:00 PM Advent Reconciliation: Church
6:30 PM Advent Reconciliation: Church
6:30 PM RCIA: Founders Room
6:30 PM Faith Formation: At home session

Thursday, December 3

6:30 PM SJCC: ZOOM

Friday, December 4

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 5

9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot
After Mass Boy Scout wreath sale: Outside main church doors

Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Open: Conway Lot
After Mass Boy Scout wreath sale: Outside main church doors
12:00 PM Confirmation II: Zoom

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

God-with-us, make me attentive to your unceasing presence—both in my reflective watchfulness and in my harried busyness.

—Janet Schaeffler, OP, *Miracles Abound (Advent 2020)*

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REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Make a donation (any amount) to honor or remember 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. Suggested donation is \$10. Funds will be used for flowers and other liturgical needs for the church.

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