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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.

AUGUST 15, 2021 | THE ASSUMPTION

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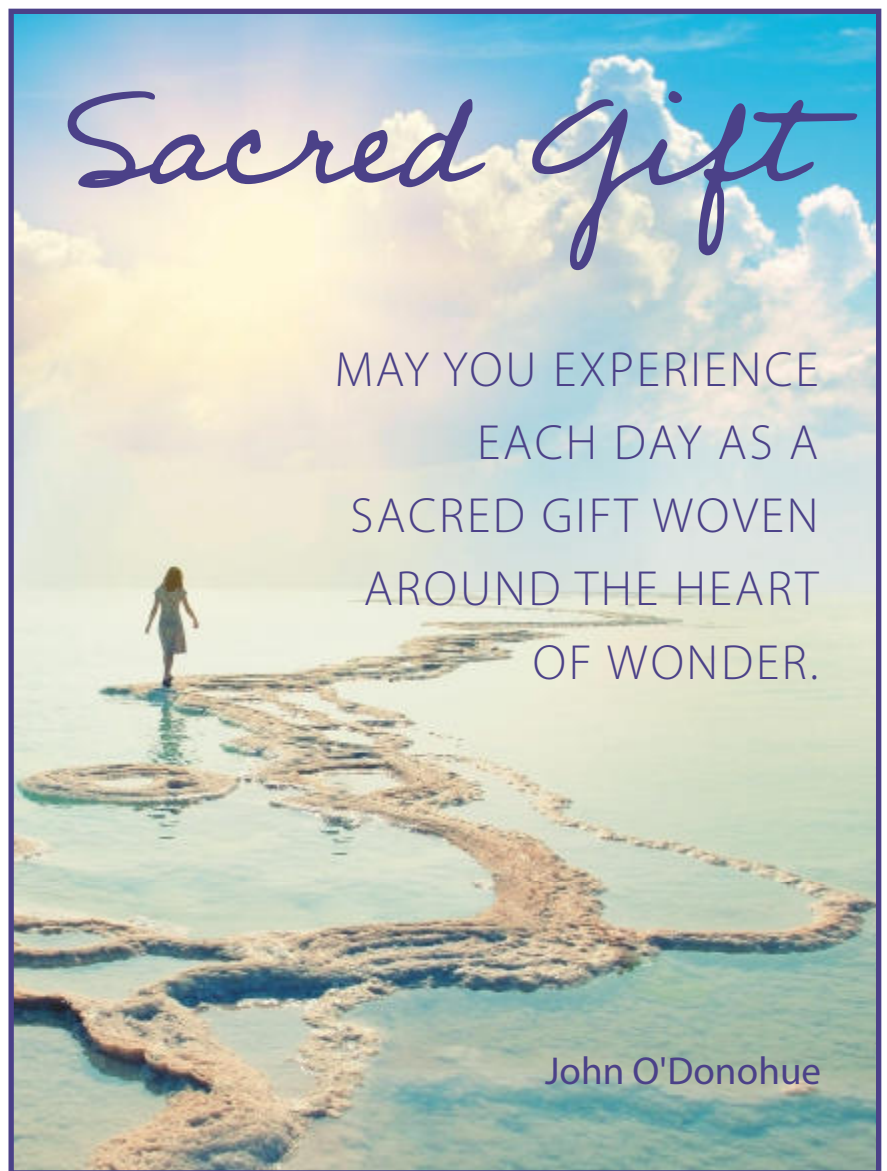
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Mass Times

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy water has returned to the baptismal font. The font has been empty since March 2020. I know we are currently experiencing in a surge in the Delta variant of COVID19, but I think the holy water is something people appreciate having back again. Those people who are not comfortable touching the holy water can refrain from doing so. We will monitor the situation, and if we decide to empty the font again, we can do so.

Face coverings welcome in our church building but not required. The City of St. Paul has required that all individuals, regardless of vaccine status, wear a face covering at city-controlled properties, and the City has strongly encouraged all St. Paul businesses to require that all individuals, regardless of vaccine status, wear a face covering indoors (City of St. Paul, Executive Order 2021-33, August 3, 2021). Regarding our church building, we will continue our policy of "face masks welcome but not required". I have noticed a few more parishioners wearing facemasks the past two weekends at Mass than I saw during June and July. I have returned to wearing a facemask when I distribute Holy Communion in order to put people at ease. Our attendance for each weekend Mass this Summer has been 100-150 people which allows for physical space in the pews for those who wish to have some distance from people not from their household. We have continued our YouTube livestream broadcast of weekday Masses and Saturday 4:30 PM Mass and Sunday 10:30 AM Mass for people who feel safer with virtual worship or who need to stay home due to illness.

Thank you to everyone who helped with National Night Out on August 3.

It was a wonderful event in our church parking lot, and the parishioners and neighborhood members who attended the event had a great time. The appearance by Sargent Fuzz, the St. Paul Police Department's therapy dog, was a big hit. We also enjoyed the appearance of the firefighters and fire engine from St. Paul Fire Department #24 and the appearance of police officers from the St. Paul Police Department. I am looking forward to our parish hosting a National Night Out event again next year.

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which commemorates Mary's being assumed into heaven at the end of her life. Although it is not mentioned in Scripture, the Assumption of Mary has been a solidly held belief of our faith since apostolic times. It has been celebrated liturgically since the 6th century A.D. The Assumption of Mary was declared a dogma of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven" (Munificentissimus Deus, #44). I found the following prayer to be helpful as I prepared for the Feast of the Assumption this weekend: "Lord, Jesus Christ, you destroyed the power of death and gave us hope of eternal life in body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, give to us a renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. Amen."

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for August 2021: *The Church.* Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

God is always bigger than the boxes we build for God, so we should not waste too much time protecting the boxes."

—Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*

Eucharistic Ministers: Fall Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the previous schedules, but now feel ready to be back in serving, thank you for doing that. Please check your calendars for September, October, and November, and let Joann know of your availability. *She needs those dates by August 16.* If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at 651.735.2762 or joann.bertini@gmail.com.

Sing with St. Pascal's Choir

Many have been asking when St. Pascal's choir will be gathering. With the current uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, we are facing new decisions and a new timeline. I would be delighted to begin mid-September but, for now, I believe it best to observe what is going on and pray for some change in the current Covid-19 direction.

Nevertheless, we must prepare for the future and I would like to invite any members of the parish who are interested in choral singing to please call me in the parish office at 651.771.1585. We will order music and make rehearsal decisions based on the number of singers. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, from 6:30- 8:00 PM. *New members are encouraged and very much welcome.* Vaccinations and/or masks and social distancing will be in place. Once I hear from you, I will add you to the current choir email list and you will receive choir communication via email. I look forward to hearing from and visiting with you.

—Sharon

Help Welcome Folks Back to Mass as a Greeter!

As we move to the new normal (where folks take their own worship aids and bulletins, and the congregation passes the collection basket), we are in need of greeters to welcome folks to St. Pascals. We ask folks to volunteer once per month at the date/time of their choice. Contact Carla Hibbison at carla.hibbison@gmail.com or 651.900.3180.

Join us for Weekly Rosary

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us every Wednesday at 11:15 AM in the church to pray the rosary together.

Missing Brioschi Hall Kitchen Towels

We are seriously short of washing cloths and drying towels. Please return any towels you may have. Thank you.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

2021-22 School Year Updates

It is almost time to start school for the 2021-22 school year. If you are currently enrolled, please see our school website, stpascalschool.org, for supply lists and the uniform policy. Also, look out for an email from the school office about Back to School Night coming up during the first week of September.

We are still accepting applications for enrollment. If you are interested in coming to our school, you can also find more information on the school website.

National Night Out Thanks!

Thank you to all who joined us for National Night Out on August 3. It was a great evening of music, treats, and camaraderie. Special thanks to St. Pascal's parishioners and the following businesses for donating give-aways and joining us for the evening:

- Battle Creek Waterpark
- Donatelli's
- Dorothy Ann Bakery
- The Free Book Buggie
- Green Mill Restaurant--Woodbury
- HoHo Gourmet
- Minnesota Twins
- Red's Savoy Pizza
- Sgt. Fuzz and the St. Paul Police
- St. Paul Fire Station 24

Preparation Help and/or Dinner Servers needed Monday, August 30

Grace Lutheran and St. Pascal's share a ministry of service at the Ramsey Family Service Center up by Aldrich Arena. If you like to help with the dinner or lunch service—once in a while, or regularly—visit saintpascalandgracelutheran.cctwincities.volunteerhub.com/ and sign on. We need help on August 30 but several future days are also open. For more information contact John Gambino at Catholic Charities at john.gambino@cctwincities.org or 612.204.848, or Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is available to any person seeking full membership in the Catholic Church. Each year adults, youth, and children who want to convert from a different faith tradition or finish their sacramental initiation come together to learn about the church through prayer, formation, and liturgy. It is an initiation process for:

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Adults who have been baptized but not completed initiation sacraments of Eucharist and/or confirmation
- Adults who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to become Roman Catholic
- Children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized

For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 651.774.1585 ext. 128 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

What to Expect when you're expecting... to participate in Synod small groups this fall

We hope you join in this important step in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. Here's how it will go.

- Arrive at your parish and find a seat at a table of about 8.
- Watch a video which will lead everyone in prayer and share teaching on our beautiful Catholic faith to inform our discussion and response.
- As you are comfortable, share your experience and ideas in discussion with your tablemates.
- Respond to ideas and offer your own suggestions on a feedback form to be considered by Archbishop Hebda.

Mark your calendar for Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM or Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM-12 Noon starting September 20 at our parish. Small groups will gather for 6 weeks. Registration will be available (but not required) beginning August 22. See more at archspm.org/synod or contact Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.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 Summer Hours

Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and by appointment.

Sacramental Information**Reconciliation**

Saturday from 4:00-4:25 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
john.mitchell@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal's Women's Club Book, Puzzle and Media Sale—Extra!

You will have an opportunity to take any leftover books, puzzles, games, CDs or DVDs after all weekend Masses on August 21 & 22. Help us to find new homes for all items! A free will offering will be accepted but not necessary.

Proceeds benefit the work of St. Pascal's Women's Club.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

August 15, 2021

Tuesday, August 17

8:00 AM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, August 19

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, August 20

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, August 21

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, August 22

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Tom Bertini

Sunday:

The Assumption

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Ps 45:10-12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19

Ps 106:34-37, 39-40,

43ab, 44

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a

Ps 85:9, 11-14

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15

Ps 21:2-7

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a

Ps 40:5-10

Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Ps 146:5-10

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Ps 128:1b-5

Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ps 34:2-3, 16-23

Eph 5:21-32

Heart Questions

The Assumption

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

1 Cor 15:54

Adults: How does your belief in external life affect your daily life?

Kids: What does it mean to have hope?

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a will. You will be doing your family a huge service by taking the time to complete a will. Please consider naming St. Pascal's and other charitable organizations you care about as bequest beneficiaries when you complete your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651.774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

Year-End Financials

Our fiscal year-end was June 30; we are working on year-end totals and should have FY20-21 figures soon.

Staff, Finance Council and Trustees work closely together to ensure that dollars are spent wisely and continue to focus on spending levels. The Finance Council has approved a balanced budget for next year and will continue to monitor giving patterns.

Thank you for your continued generosity during the past months.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, August 15—The Assumption

11:45am Baptism (Brady Family)

Monday, August 16

No scheduled events

Tuesday, August 17

No scheduled events

Wednesday, August 18

11:15am Rosary: Church

Thursday, August 19

8:30am Women's Club Book Sale set up: Brioschi Hall

Friday, August 20

9:00am Women's Club Book Sale: Brioschi Hall

2:00 pm Baptism (Larson Family): Church

Saturday, August 21

9:00am Women's Club Book Sale: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, August 22

After Masses Hospitality Sunday: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Women's Club Book Sale: Brioschi Hall

Monday, August 23

No scheduled events

Tuesday, August 24

No scheduled events

Wednesday, August 25

11:15am Rosary: Church

Thursday, August 26

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, August 27

5:00pm Wlodarczyk/Hepp Rehearsal

Saturday, August 28

2:00pm Wlodarczyk/Hepp Wedding

Sunday, August 29

No scheduled events

Deliver a Meal and a Smile to an Elder!***Volunteer for Meals on Wheels***

Help keep seniors independent in their own homes! Deliver meals once a week or once a month, on your own timeline. Volunteer on your own or with a friend! Delivery usually takes less than an hour. We accommodate your schedule for your convenience, but you must provide your own car. Please contact Larissa Little at 651.287.2092 or llittle@merrickcs.org for more information!

Ignation Volunteer Corps

The Ignation Volunteer Corps (IVC) is offering an opportunity for semi-retired or retired men and women to share their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to those who are poor. In return for a commitment of 1- 2 days a week with a local service site, the IVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with other IVC volunteers monthly. Together, we hope to see God in all things and grow in our faith. For more information, visit www.ivcusa.org or contact Kathleen Groh at 651.777.0991 or kgroh@ivcusa.org.

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—Thomas Keating

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