



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, looking for a parish home or a member of our parish community, 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 23, 2025 | CHRIST THE KING

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Mass Times

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism in the world. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. As Pope Francis said in 2016, "The kingship of Jesus Christ is paradoxical: his throne is the cross; his crown is made of thorns; he has no scepter, but a reed is put into his hand; he does not have luxurious clothing but is stripped of his tunic; he wears no shiny rings on his fingers, but his hands are pierced with nails; he has no treasure but is sold for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus' reign is truly not of this world... for the grandeur of his kingdom is not power as defined by this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things. Christ lowered himself to us out of this love, he lived our human misery, he suffered the lowest point of our human condition: injustice, betrayal, abandonment... and so our King went to the ends of the universe in order to embrace and save every living being." (Homily, November 20, 2016)

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 27, will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Come join us to give thanks to God for our blessings.

Friday, December 5: You are invited to a presentation about Fatima, Lourdes, the Shrines of Spain and St. Pascal's tomb.

When: Friday, December 5 at 9:00 AM

Where: Brioschi Hall

What: Father John and members of the 12-person travelling group from our parish will show a slideshow of their travels in October to Portugal, France, and Spain, and describe the trip's highlights.

What else: We have 8:00 AM Mass on Friday; come join us!

Bonus: It's First Friday Fellowship! We have First Friday Fellowship and refreshments after the 8:00 AM Mass on the First Friday of every month. Donuts and coffee will be served after Mass on December 5.

Thank you to the Men's Club for sponsoring the Christmas Tree lot again this year. The tree lot is in the parking lot on the corner of White Bear Avenue and Conway Street. Stop by and purchase a nice Christmas tree for your home.

Free 2026 parish calendars are available in the Gathering Space while supplies last. Thank you to Wulff Funeral Home for providing the calendars.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for November 2025: *For the prevention of suicide.* Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 PM

Join us on this evening as we celebrate God's love and forgiveness. Several children will be celebrating the sacrament for the first time. This is an opportunity for the community to embrace these children, leading them to the sacrament by your example. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions. Join us for a social that follows the Reconciliation Service in Brioschi Hall.

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— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

December Donation Closet

In December, we will collect items for both the Catholic Charities Giving Tree and the Angel Tree.

Catholic Charities Giving Tree ensures that children and adults have access to essential items such as clothing, housewares, and self-care items. Folded flyers that list the items needed will be on the tree in the Gathering Space beginning November 22.

Take a flyer, purchase your gift(s), then place the NEW and UNWRAPPED gifts in the bin in the Gathering Space *before December 25*.

Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, provides Christmas gifts to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. St. Pascal's will provide gifts to 23 children this year. Angel Tree tags listing suggested gift items are available on the tree in the Gathering Space beginning November 22. Take a tag, purchase the noted gift, wrap it and then place the gift in the Angel Tree box in the Gathering Space or the Donation Closet. Angel Tree gifts are to be NEW and WRAPPED and returned to the parish by *Sunday, December 14*, with the tag attached, to ensure the gifts reach the children by Christmas. *Thank you for your generosity this season and all year round.*

Mark Your Calendars!

The Weekend of December 20-21

Our popular annual Holiday Bake Sale after all Masses!

Start thinking about what you'd like to make or purchase to donate to the sale—we need your favorite homemade or store-bought breads, cupcakes, cookies, candies, pies or other goodies!

Cold Weather

Maybe we don't want to think about winter just yet... but you know it's going to happen!

Canceled Events and Building Closure:

The parish office will close and all activities and meetings will be cancelled at the discretion of the pastor or business administrator. Weekday Mass will be offered on weather-related days, as long as the pastor/presider can get to the church and there is someone to unlock the building.

Be and Stay Healthy!

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all our parishioners and visitors, we urge you to be vigilant about your health and hygiene. If you have flu-like symptoms (cold, running nose or temperature), you may choose to stay home and watch the Mass on YouTube. As always, masks are welcome at all gatherings and meetings at St. Pascal's.

— ST. PASCAL REGIONAL —

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

Thank you

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for all you do for our school. Your time and treasures help make all we do possible.

Did you know?

Our 4th graders have been diving into the Middle Ages and bringing history to life. Each student designed a unique tinfoil knight, showcasing both their creativity and what they've learned about this exciting period in history.

We're Hiring—Join our mission!

We are hiring a year-round lead Early Childhood teacher for our growing program. Our school is rooted in faith, compassion and deep commitment to nurture every child's potential. You'll work alongside talented, caring colleagues who support each other and celebrate growth. Plus, you'll have opportunities for ongoing professional development, a welcoming workplace culture, and the chance to genuinely make a difference every single day. We offer benefits, generous time off and competitive pay. Learn more and apply at careers.archspm.org/. Search on Ascension Academy to find the listing. Questions can be directed to Kay Hannon at 612.424.6217.

Support Our Scouts!

Christmas Wreaths Sale

The weekend of November 29 & 30

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all Masses next weekend. All proceeds help with the costs associated with our many camping trips and special activities.

Please stop by and pick one up for your house or business.

All-You-Care-To-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 7 after both Masses
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice. New item: hashbrowns!

Adults: \$14 | Kids 5-11 and Seniors: \$8
Family Pack: \$35

Thanks for supporting Scouts BSA.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation I Registration

Registration for Confirmation I is taking place now. St. Pascal's confirmation process consists of sessions beginning in the middle of 9th grade and concluding in the winter of 10th grade. Older candidates are also welcome. If you have a son/daughter in 9th grade and would like to register them for confirmation, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. *Forms are due by December 1, 2025.* They can be found on the parish website at stpascals.org/faith-formation-for-children-and-youth.

Year-End Financial Gifts for 2025

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 many special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! *Remember, all gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025 to be considered for the 2025 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 generosity.

Happy Thanksgiving

During this Thanksgiving season, we invite you to join us, the parish staff, in giving thanks for all the phenomenal St. Pascal parish volunteers who share their time, talent, and treasure. We are all blessed by their faithfulness, both here in the parish and out in the wider community. Their generous spirit, hard work, and good humor inspire us in so many different ways. Thank you for sharing all of that and more with us and your fellow parishioners. May we each respond in kind to our Gospel call. Blessings.

"Joy is that kind of happiness that does not depend on what happens."

—Br. David Steindl-Rast

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org

For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holidays as announced

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours

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

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Anne Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 4:30 PM
Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office.
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required.
To register for a pre-baptismal session 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

Mary Butler-Levine 651.735.0004

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 5:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

St. Pascal's Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

Friday, November 28 at 4:00 PM through December 21 or until sold out

St. Pascal's Men's Club is entering its 56th year of selling Christmas Trees. Come visit us in the Conway Street parking lot and check out our excellent selection of Fraser, Canaan, and balsam firs, as well as Scotch and white pine trees. Wreaths and swags from the Boy Scouts are also available. Tree Lot sale hours are:

Monday through Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings November 23, 2025

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 AM + Elvina & +Orville Nohre

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 AM + Dode Olsen

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, November 28

8:00 AM Sr. Marcie Anibas, FSPA

Saturday, November 29

4:30 PM + Mary Sikorski

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Br. James Ebner, FSC

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

1. Scan this QR code.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Make a donation (any amount) in memory or honor of a family member, loved one, or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket at Mass or return it to the parish office on or before noon on **Monday, December 22**. Suggested donation is \$10.

I would like to make a donation (circle one)

Honor of / Memory of:

From:

Thank you for your generosity and care.

Please note: Memorials/Honorariums must be received by noon on December 22 in order to appear on the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert on December 28.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King

After Masses Holiday Boutique: Founders Room

After Masses Women's Club Christmas Party Tickets Sales:
Gathering Space

11:30am Confirmation II: Old Church

Monday, November 24

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

Tuesday, November 25

11:30am Parish office closed (staff lunch)

Wednesday, November 26

8:30am Rosary: Church

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day

Parish office closed—*May you and all you love be blessed.*

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass: Church

Friday, November 28

Parish office closed

4:00pm Men's Club Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Saturday & Sunday, November 29 & 30

9:00am Men's Club Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Saturday, November 29

10:00am Advent Decorating

After Mass Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Door 3

After Mass Women's Club Christmas Party Ticket Sales:
Gathering Space

Sunday, November 30—First Sunday of Advent

After Masses Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Door 3

After Masses Women's Club Christmas Party Ticket Sales:
Gathering Space

11:30am Women's Club Board Meeting: Founders Room

Monday-Friday, December 1-5

4:00pm Men's Club Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Monday, December 1

6:00pm Small Group Leader Dinner: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Tuesday, December 2

6:30pm Advent Parish Reconciliation & 1st Reconciliation:
Church, Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, December 3

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, December 4

4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

Friday, December 5

8:30am First Friday Social: Brioschi Hall

9:00am Pilgrimage Presentation: Brioschi Hall

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal: Church

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7

9:00am Men's Club Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Saturday, December 6

2:00pm Crego-Krech Wedding: Church, Parish Campus

After Mass Women's Club Christmas Party Ticket Sales:
Gathering Space

Sunday, December 7—Second Sunday of Advent

After Masses Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

After Masses Women's Club Christmas Party Ticket Sales:
Gathering Space

11:30am Confirmation II: Staff Lounge



All women of the parish, please join us:

Women's Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

St. Pascal's Brioschi Hall

catered brunch * mimosas * games * prizes * caroling

\$27 per person

Invite family and friends –

women need not be St. Pascal's members to join us!

Our Christmas charity will be Mater Dei Africa.

Contact Sharon Scanlon (651) 492-0477 with questions.



St. Pascal's Women's Club Christmas Party Reservation Form

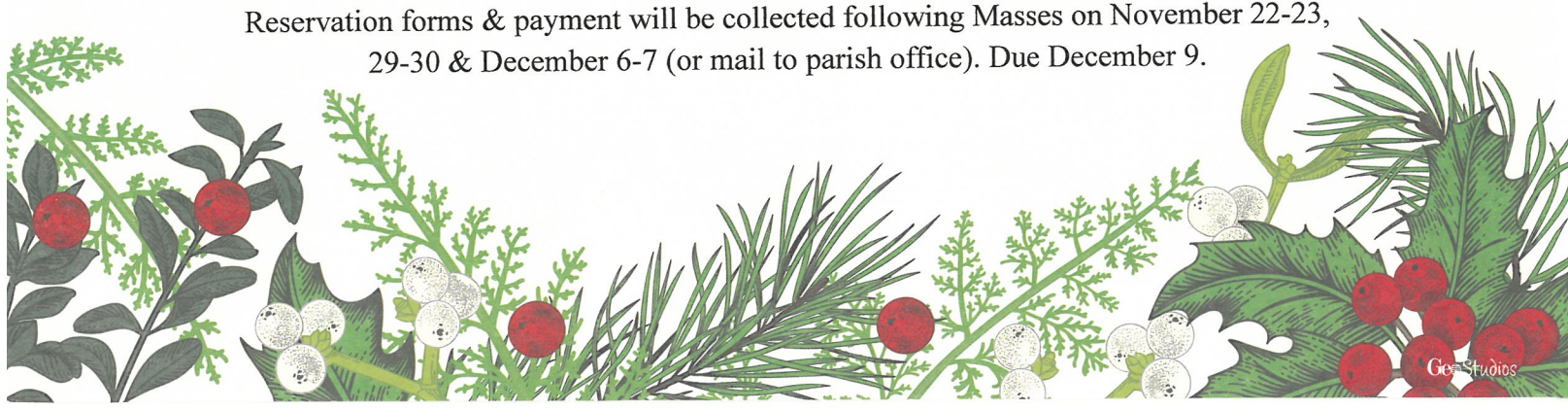
Name(s) _____

Phone #(s) _____

Number attending _____ Total \$ enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's Women's Club.

Reservation forms & payment will be collected following Masses on November 22-23,
29-30 & December 6-7 (or mail to parish office). Due December 9.



2025 USCCB

Special Pastoral Message on Immigration



United States
Conference of
Catholic Bishops

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27).

As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

“To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!”

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We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!
(*cf. Romans 5:5*)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

The USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration was issued on November 12, 2025 at the Fall Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Baltimore. It was approved by the general membership of bishops and released for immediate distribution.



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Additional Resources

More information about migration and Catholic social teaching can be found on the USCCB's website: usccb.org/resources/migrationandCST

To support the Church's longstanding accompaniment of newcomers, the USCCB has launched You Are Not Alone. More information about the initiative is available on the Justice for Immigrants website: justiceforimmigrants.org/you-are-not-alone

The USCCB invites Catholics to consider The Cabrini Pledge as a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events: usccb.org/cabrinipledge