



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.

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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:

You are invited to our special 6:30 PM Mass on Thursday, December 18 for Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass). Our parish is hosting one of the Masses during the nine days before Christmas, known as Simbang Gabi, a part of the Filipino Catholic tradition. Christmas Day in the Philippines is ushered in by the nine dawn Masses that start on December 16, when the faithful wake up early on the nine days before Christmas to attend them. These days are in preparation to receive from God the great gift of Jesus at Christmas. I will be the celebrant of the December 18 Mass here. The Mass will be celebrated in English. I anticipate there will be visiting members of the Filipino Catholic community of the Twin Cities here for Mass that day, along with members of the Filipino families from our parish. They are also preparing a special food treat for after Mass.

The other parishes hosting Masses during the nine days of Simbang Gabi are St. Joseph (New Hope), St. Jerome (Maplewood), Pax Christi (Eden Prairie), St. Peter (Richfield), St. Bonaventure (Bloomington), St. John the Baptist (Excelsior), St. Olaf (Minneapolis), Mary Mother of the Church (Burnsville) and St. John Neumann (Eagan). I think it is an honor that the Filipino Catholic Community of Minnesota invited our parish to host one of the nine Simbang Gabi Masses.

You may recall that the Jubilee Year of 2025 started on December 24, 2024, when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year for 2025, which is the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Jesus. The Jubilee Year of 2025 officially concludes in Rome on January 6, 2026, when Pope Leo XIV will close the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. Traditionally, we celebrate a Catholic Jubilee Year every 25 years. The next Jubilee Year is expected to be in 2050. There have been extraordinary Jubilee years outside the regular 25-year cycle, such as the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015. Some people speculate that 2033 could be declared a Jubilee Year to mark the 2,000 years since the death of Jesus on the Cross and his resurrection. Jubilee years offer us the opportunity for spiritual growth, a time to strengthen our faith, to renew charity and generosity, and to promote dignity and respect for all people.

Retired Religious Fund Collection. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health care needs of aging members. Many elderly religious worked for years for small stipends, resulting in a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. I invite you to offer a gift to the retired religious through one of these methods:

1. Use the Retired Religious Fund donation envelope in your Sunday envelope packet, and place your gift in the Sunday collection basket.
2. Give cash or a personal check addressed to St. Pascal Baylon Church, write "Retired Religious Fund" in the memo line, and send your gift to the parish office or place it in the collection basket.
3. Give online at: retiredreligious.org/ways-to-give/donate/
4. Give online at our parish website at stpascals.org. Go to the Give tab at the menu bar at the top of the page, then go to Parish Giving, then go to Seasonal Giving and click on Give Now, and then click on "Religious Retirement Special Collection". Thank you!

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Merrick Food Distribution

Monday, December 22

Ready to join a fun team and do some good work? Our food distribution team would love to have you join us! We meet in Brioschi Hall in two groups. The first shift meets at 12:30 PM to unload the Merrick truck and pack the grocery bags. The second shift gathers at 3:15 PM to meet and greet folks and distribute the food curbside out of Door 4. All are welcome, and we always serve with great joy. This month we will be distributing Angel Tree gifts as well. If you'd like to join the team this month or to learn more, please email Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com.

Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

Through December 21 or until sold out

St. Pascal's Men's Club—56 years of selling Christmas Trees in the East Side. 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 - Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM

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

Christmas Care Cards

Thank you for the overwhelming support to write/color Christmas cards for our parishioners who are homebound or could use a bright light of encouragement during this season (all the cards have been taken). Please be sure to return the completed cards by December 19—and earlier if possible! Do you know someone who would appreciate this pick-me-up card? Contact Barb Uschold Anderson, Pastoral Care Associate, at barb.ua@stpascals.org or 651.432.4959.

P.S. Look for Valentine Care Cards to write or color the last weekend of January.

— ST. PASCAL REGIONAL — AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

Enroll for 2026-27

It's already time to start thinking about next school year. Families can enroll or re-enroll their children at stpascalschool.org/enroll/.

We're Hiring—Join our mission!

We are hiring a year-round lead Early Childhood teacher for our growing program. Learn more and apply at careers.archspm.org/. Search on Ascension Academy to find the listing. Questions can be directed to Kay Hannon (612.424.6217).

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

December 14, 2025

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, December 18

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, December 20

4:30 PM + Edmund Barnes

Sunday, December 21

8:45 AM + Ed & +John Williams

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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!



Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Ps 146:6-10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-6

Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

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.

Sunday, December 14—Advent 3

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

12:00pm Piano Recital & Reception: Church, Brioschi Hall

Monday-Friday, December 15-19

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

Monday, December 15

6:00pm Piano Recital & Reception: Church, Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Tuesday, December 16

5:30pm Choir: Choir Room, Church

Wednesday, December 17

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, December 18

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Old Church

6:30pm Simbang Gabi (Mass): Church

Friday, December 19

No scheduled events

Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21

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

Saturday, December 20

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Mass Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, December 21—Advent 4

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale: Brioschi Hall

Monday, December 22

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Tuesday, December 23

10:00am Christmas Decorating: Church

12:00pm A&E Crew Lunch: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Parish office closed

8:30am Rosary: Church

4:00pm Mass: Church

10:00pm Mass: Church

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

Parish office closed

10:00am Mass: Church

Friday, December 26

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 27

No scheduled events

Sunday, December 28—Holy Family

No scheduled events

Christmas Bake Sale!—December 20-21 after all Masses

The St. Pascal's Women's Club Bake Sale is next weekend. We need your goodies! Make or purchase your favorite holiday treat and drop it off at these times/locations:

Friday, December 19

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the parish office

Saturday, December 20

9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 3:45-4:30 PM (Ring the bell at Door #4).

Sunday, December 20

before Masses in the kitchen

For more information, contact Chris Igielski at 651.336.1274.