



**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.

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**DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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



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## **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:

**A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you from all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Parish.** I pray that the joy of Jesus' birth will fill your heart with peace. Many people around the world continue to suffer the effects of war, violence, homelessness and hunger. We can become overwhelmed by the sad situation of our world and difficulties in our personal lives. In the midst of struggles, we find hope in God's love made visible in the birth of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus came to show us God's love in human form, a visible sign of God's love that embraces all people. You are an amazing parish filled with a strong faith and love for each other and our neighbors, and I pray that during this Christmas Season you will experience once again God's deep love for you.

**Thank you to the Women's Club** for all their work on the bake sale this weekend, and **thank you to the Men's Club** for all their work on the Christmas Tree sale this season. Also, thank you for hosting Turkey Bingo in November.

**At the December 9, 2025 meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the following topics were discussed:** Merrick Food Distribution: The council discussed ideas for fundraising for our monthly food distribution with Merrick Community Services. Our parish is funding \$1000 each month through June 2026 to provide food for 60 families. The parish finance council will be consulted as this discussion progresses. Lilly Grant: Saint Catherine University received funding through the Lilly Endowment for a 2026-2030 program for parishes and congregations to participate in a partnership for contemplative Christian discipleship. Over the past three years, we have participated in this Lilly Grant program and used grant funds to support our Mardi Gras care card making dinners, the 2025 Growing Through Loss grief speaker series with the Twin Cities East Metro Grief Coalition, a parish Seder Meal in April 2025, the purchase of 100 copies of the book, "Living the Mass" by Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki for our parish small group discussion, and a Celebration of Generosity parish dinner in June 2023. We have an opportunity to renew our participation in this grant program for 2026-30. Parish financials: September collections were above projected income and October collections were below projected income. Parish facilities: the facilities are in good working order; the snow removal season has begun for the parish parking lots and sidewalks. Updates from liaisons to parish groups and committees: Parish Activities Committee: Pumpkin Bingo was well attended in October; the next event is Winter Game Night on Friday, January 23. Liturgy/Choir: the choir and musicians are working on Advent and Christmas music; Adult Faith Formation and Archdiocesan Synod Implementation: a presentation is being planned for February on the topic of liturgical participation; small group discussion materials for Lent are being researched; Social Justice and Caring Committee: parishioners gave a generous response to the parish Donation Closet for November (Joseph's Coat) and December (Giving Tree and Angel Tree); members of our Care for Creation Team toured the Ramsey County Recycling & Energy Center in Newport in November to learn about trash collection, recycling, composting and sustainable waste management practices; parish Beacon Team members participated in the November 25-26 Losing Sleep, Losing Homes all-night vigil at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis to call attention to the threats to federal funding for supportive housing; Women's Club: the November Craft Exchange went well, and the Christmas Party is December 13; plans are in motion for the Christmas Bake Sale on December 20-21; Men's Club: Christmas Tree sales are off to a good start, and a good crowd attended Turkey Bingo on November 14. The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is January 6, 2026.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Donation Closet

**Angel Tree:** Thank you to all who bought gifts for children on behalf of an incarcerated parent.

**Giving Tree:** Thank you to all who have contributed to Catholic Charities Giving Tree.

Items can be brought to the parish **until December 25.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the two November Donation Closet charities, the St. Pascal's Emergency Food Drive and Joseph's Coat. The Merrick food distribution volunteers were especially grateful for the food that was donated to supplement the orders, especially two bags dropped off on "Merrick Monday" that were immediately given to folks who arrived just after all food was distributed. You provided so many wonderful items for Joseph's Coat that a third drop-off appointment was added after the car was stuffed to overflowing at the second drop-off! Check out the good work Joseph's Coat is doing in the community at [josephscoatmn.org/](http://josephscoatmn.org/).

St. Pascal's is indeed a community filled with generosity and faith!

### First Friday Social

*Friday, January 2, 2025*

You are invited to gather in Brioschi Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass for coffee, tea, treats, and fellowship. Bring a friend, stay for conversation. ALL are welcome! Raise a cup of coffee to the New Year!

### Baptism Preparation

*Monday, January 12, 2026, 6:30-8:00 PM*

Those wishing to have a child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in a pre-baptism session. To register for the next session on Monday, January 12, or for more information about baptism at St. Pascal's, please contact Kim Roering at [kim.roering@stpascals.org](mailto:kim.roering@stpascals.org) (651.432.4958).

### Anointing or Pastoral Visit?

If you or someone you know would like to be anointed or have a pastoral visit, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at [barb.ua@stpascals.org](mailto:barb.ua@stpascals.org) (651.432.4959) and we'll set up a time.

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

We are closed December 24 & 25, 2025 for the Christmas holiday and January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day. Have a beautiful and safe holiday season!

*"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."*

—Matthew 2:10

## — ST. PASCAL REGIONAL — AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

### Merry Christmas!

We hope everyone in the St. Pascal Regional School and faith community has a joyous and safe Christmas.

*Thank you for all you do for our school.*

### A Visit from Fr. John

Fr. John recently visited our fourth-grade class and shared a story about St. Francis and the first Nativity scene. The scholars always enjoy his visits. Thanks, Fr. John.

### Annual Santa Shop Another Success

We recently hosted our annual Santa Shop, which allows scholars the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.

### 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/](http://stpascalschool.org/enroll/).

### Winter Weather Policy

Event Cancellation & Building Closure  
In the event of severe weather, the parish office will close and all activities and meetings (both day and evening) will be cancelled at the discretion of the pastor or business administrator. Weekday Mass will be offered on weather-related days, assuming the pastor/presider can get to the church and that someone can unlock the building. As always, please keep your safety top of mind.

### Save The Date!

**Winter Game Night: Friday, January 23, 2026 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall**

The Parish Life and Activities Committee is planning a fun game night for parishioners of all ages in January. Watch for details!

*"Winter: It's not just a season, it's who we are."—Garrison Keillor*

### Finance Council Meeting—December 5, 2025

- Total Income is higher than last year at this time but Net Income is lower because of one-time expenses paid in October.
- Merrick expenses for the Food Distribution program will continue to be funded by St. Pascal's due to a change from Merrick.
- Part of the cement apron outside the main church door needs to be replaced in the spring. It is currently patched but that won't last.
- A new coffee maker (refurbished) is being purchased and installed in the Brioschi Hall kitchen.
- A temporary electric panel was purchased for the Men's Club Tree Shed. It can also be used for other parish events if needed.
- 2026 Fund A Need ideas were discussed.
- Meeting with Beacon is being scheduled for January to discuss the Aragon project on Ryan Field.

## — AROUND THE PARISH —

### St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Time to make a New Year's Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women's Book Club. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 and 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge, located near the Conway entrance. We invite all parish women to join our monthly discussions at either time (readers are free to move between groups as is convenient for their schedules). You can come as often as your schedule and interests allow.

On January 12, we will discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. It is a moving story about three people who find their way back from loss and loneliness.

On February 9, we will share thoughts on *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum. Contact Toni Baker at [toni@bakers.us](mailto:toni@bakers.us) for a list of the 12 selections for 2026, or stop in at the parish office.

### Mass During Cold & Flu Season

Out of concern for the health and wellbeing of all of our parishioners and visitors, we urge you to be vigilant about your personal health and hygiene. And, as always, masks are welcome at all gatherings and meetings at St. Pascal's.

### Weekly Rosary in the New Year!

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us every Wednesday at 8:30 AM in the church to pray the Rosary together. All are welcome!

## C O N T A C T U S

### Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585  
Email [church@stpascals.org](mailto: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  
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### 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](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

#### Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday  
[keri.mader@stpascals.org](mailto:keri.mader@stpascals.org)

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**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Readings**

December 21, 2025

**Tuesday, December 23**

8:00 AM + Dode Olsen

**Wednesday, December 24**

*4th week of Advent*

8:00 AM + Lily Dellenbach

*Christmas Eve*

4:00 PM The people of the parish

10:00 PM The people of the parish

**Thursday, December 25**

*Christmas Day*

8:00 AM The people of the parish

**Friday, December 26**

8:00 AM + Eva Mailloux

**Saturday, December 27**

4:30 PM + Noel & + Eleanor Kegley

**Sunday, December 28**

*The Holy Family*

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Fr. Michael Byron

**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!



**Year-End Financial Gifts**

All gifts must be received or postmarked by **December 31, 2025** to be considered for the 2025 tax year. Thank you for your support of our parish community!

**Giving Statements for 2025**

We can send your giving statements via email using a secure server. We save on postage and reduce our environmental impact with this system. Year-end statements will be sent in January via email. Individuals who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their year-end statements in the mail or, if you need a paper copy, please contact Theresa Ruttger at 651.432.4960.

**Sunday:**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:**

1 Sm 1:24-28

(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d

Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:**

*Day (4th Week of Advent)*

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

*Christmas Eve*

Night: Is 9:1-6

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-13

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

**Thursday:**

*Christmas Day*

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1-6

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17

Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:**

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Next Sunday:**

*The Holy Family*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-5

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**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

**Monday, December 29**

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**

No scheduled events

**Wednesday, December 31—New Year's Eve**

8:30am Rosary: Church

4:00pm Holy Day Mass: Church

**Thursday, January 1, 2026—Mary, Mother Of God**

New Year's Day

*Parish office closed*

10:00am Holy Day Mass: Church

**Friday, January 2, 2026**

No scheduled events

**Saturday, January 3, 2026**

8:30am First Friday Social: Brioschi Hall

**Sunday, January 4, 2026—Epiphany**

11:45am Confirmation I: Old Church

**Holiday Grief & Growing Through Loss Spring 2026**

The holiday season can be a challenge for any of us who are missing a loved one who has died. Find a holiday grief resource in the kiosk in the gathering space.

Looking ahead to next year, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church will host the East Metro Growing Through Loss series from April 14 to May 12, 2026. All are welcome! More information will be available in the new year at [growingthroughlosseastmetro.com](http://growingthroughlosseastmetro.com) or contact Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959.

**St. Pascal's Legacy Society**

**Tax Efficient Legacy of Faith.** Gifts of life insurance policies to St. Pascal's can yield substantial tax savings to you while maximizing your Legacy gift. Consult with your tax adviser. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.