



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 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Mass Times

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

On behalf of all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Parish, I wish you a Blessed New Year 2026. Making a fresh start with a new year is a good thing. We look ahead with eyes of faith to the next 365 days, knowing that God is with us on our daily journey as individuals and as a parish community.

This upcoming Thursday, January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This solemnity is the oldest Marian feast day in the Roman liturgical calendar and developed in the 5th century during the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. We believe that Mary is the Mother of God because we believe that Jesus is one divine person with two natures, fully God and fully human. When Mary gave birth to Jesus, she did not give birth to a nature, or even two natures. She gave birth to one divine person. Among the themes of this Solemnity:

- 1) It is the Octave of Christmas and our remembrance of Mary's motherhood connects nicely to the Nativity of Jesus
- 2) January 1 is a day of prayer for world peace, and Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace
- 3) January 1 is the first day of a new calendar year, and Mary continues to bring new life to her children through her maternal care for all of us and her intercession on our behalf.

Looking ahead, I will be on vacation from January 12-22. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I enjoy some warm weather in Florida. While I am gone, there will be no weekday Masses here from January 13 to January 22. The first weekday Mass after my vacation will be Friday, January 23.

On the weekend of January 17-18, Father Chuck Huck, a retired priest from the Diocese of Crookston, will be here to preside at the weekend Masses and speak of "Food for the Poor," which is an ecumenical Christian nonprofit organization that provides food, medicine, shelter and other services to the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mark your calendars: Winter Game Night, Friday, January 23, 6:30–8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall. Bingo, trivia, and more! All ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee.

Attention: Women ages 16-35. Are you discerning your vocation? On Tuesday, January 27, 6:00–8:00 PM, Archbishop Hebda will host a Miriam Dinner at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, for women discerning a call to consecrated life. I would be happy to accompany you to the dinner, if you wish. Register online at 10000vocations.org/events before Thursday, January 22. For more information, call: 651.962.6890 or email: stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for January 2026: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God will be nourishment in our lives and a source of hope in our communities and help us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

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 www.growingthroughlosseastmetro.com or contact Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

January Donation Closet

Our collection this month is for Brittany's Place, an emergency shelter in St. Paul for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sex trafficking or are at high risk for sexual exploitation.

NEW items needed are:

Clothing (sizes small – XXL)

- Colorful and cozy hoodies, oversized
- Joggers (all colors)
- New winter boots (sizes 6 - 12)
- Slippers (sizes 6 - 12)
- Tennis shoes (sizes 6-12)

Personal care products (prefer ethnic based)

- Shea butter shampoo and conditioner
- Shea butter soap
- Aragon hair oil
- Ethnic hair care products (Y-tooth comb, bristle brush)
- Hair bonnets/turbans
- CeraVe facial cleanser
- CeraVe lotion
- Seabreeze astringent
- Dove body wash

Ensure a Dignified Shelter Exit

- Duffle bags/sports bags (new)
- Suitcases (gently used OK)

Donation Closet Guidelines

The SJCC is grateful for your generosity in contributing items for our various collections. To help us maintain an orderly donation closet, *please leave requested items only* for a given organization/month. We publish the monthly organizations and items requested in weekly bulletins, the *Pascal's Pulse* e-newsletter, and outside the donation closet. Note that paper and plastic bags are collected year-round for the food distribution programs at Progressive Baptist and St. Pascal's. Thank you for your assistance!

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 (651.432.4958).

— ST. PASCAL REGIONAL —

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

Celebrating the Season

Every December, we celebrate a small but meaningful tradition at St. Pascal, during which Principal Ms. Collier Paske personally delivers each teacher and staff member their favorite caffeinated drink as a simple way to say "Thank You." It's our way of honoring the dedication, joy and countless unseen moments of care our staff pours into students every single day. A warm cup, a quick hallway smile and a reminder that their work is seen, valued, and deeply appreciated. We are so grateful for this incredible team and the excellence they bring to our school community.

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

We are looking for a Lead Preschool Teacher and a long-term Substitute Teacher for Middle School Social Studies and Religion. Learn more and apply at careers.archspm.org/. Search on Ascension Academy to find the listings.

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. We invite all parish women to join either group for our monthly discussions. 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. For a list of the 2026 selections, contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or stop in at the parish office.

This is the time to be slow, Lie low to the wall until the bitter weather passes.

—John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

Winter Game Night

Friday, January 23, 2026 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

Join us for a fun evening of bingo, trivia, and more! All ages are welcome. The evening is FREE. A free-will offering will be taken, and guests are asked to bring a snack to share. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are preferred. RSVP by using the convenient SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org or by calling the parish office at 651.774.1585. Questions? Contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee.

— AROUND THE PARISH —

Parish Office Holiday Hours

We are closed January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day. Have a beautiful and safe holiday season!

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.

Long May She Wave

Due to wear and tear from Minnesota's unrelenting elements, St. Pascal's needs to replace its American flag. We need either a 3-foot-by-5-foot or a 4-foot-by-6-foot outdoor flag. If you would like to donate towards a new flag, contact Mike Kelleher at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity

St. Pascal Baylon enjoys well over 100 views of our weekend liturgies on the parish YouTube channel each week. We welcome our online viewers to our faith community!

We are looking for people to help operate the livestream camera for the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass. The time commitment would be roughly one weekend per month, and training is provided. If you want to help with this fun and important ministry or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Mike Kelleher in the parish office at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

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
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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

Mass Announcements

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

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

December 28, 2025

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 AM Camille King

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 AM + Polly Tate

4:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, January 01

Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, January 02

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, January 03

4:30 PM + Mary Sikorski

Sunday, January 04

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Nick Jelinek

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:
The Holy Family
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:
1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-10
Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:
1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:
Mary, Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21
Friday:
1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:
1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Ps 98:1, 3c-6
Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday:
The Epiphany
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

THE WEEKS AHEAD

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

8:00am First Friday Social: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, January 4, 2026—Epiphany

11:45am Confirmation I: Old Church

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:30am Small Group 9: Spiritual Direction Room

6:00pm Men's Club Board & Membership Meeting: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, January 9, 2026

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 10, 2026

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 11, 2026—Baptism of the Lord

11:30am Confirmation II: Old Church

Vatican Unveiled at the Mall of America

January 10 – February 1, 2026, daily

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting "Vatican Unveiled", an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome. Some of the items in this unique, historical collection include a document with the second oldest papal signature outside of the Vatican and a Swiss Guard uniform from the time of Pius X so rare that the Swiss Guard asked to borrow it for their own exhibit. The 19,000 square foot exhibit is open and welcoming to all—experience interesting historical perspectives, artistic items with old-world craftsmanship, and papal artifacts that show the humanity behind the leaders. To purchase tickets, go to www.archspm.org/vaticanunveiled.

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. For 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.

Stewardship of Giving: November 2025

Reconciled Financials for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$	85,732.82	YTD Giving	\$	335,910.35
Budgeted	\$	<u>67,928.06</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$	<u>335,220.30</u>
+ / -	\$	17,804.76	YTD + / -	\$	+ 690.05

Mortgage Reduction (as of 11.30.2025)

Loan Balance:	\$	2,294,210.94
Principal:	\$	4,536.49
Interest:	\$	<u>14,140.65</u>
Monthly Payment	\$	18,677.14
YTD Collected Donations	\$	118,959.34
YTD Payment:	\$	<u>93,385.70</u>
+ / -	\$	+ 25,573.64

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 92,512.96

of payments in Reserve: 5

Thank you for your support!



Christmas

FLOWERS



Thank you to all who donated money for flowers and enhancements for our worship space during this holy season.

Let us hold the following in our hearts...

Dedicated in memory or honor of:

Aleski Family
Marianne Anderson
Gregory Arko
Len Atzmiller, Father-in-Law
The Bannick Family
Edmund & Mary Barnes
Bednarz Family
Behling Family
Family Members
Don I. Carlson
Lona & Michael Carney
Olivia Clarke
John Daniewicz
Deceased Family Members
Marcie Ellis
Mary Hiber Fenn
Steve Flottmeyer
Andrew Gerbozy
My Sister, Nancy Ann (Jarosch) Gerlach
Donald & Della Girling
Vince & Margaret Graupmann
Grausnick Family
Edward Graw
Joseph & Patricia Grill
Denny Groess
David N. Hanson
John R. Hanson
Shelly A. Harm
Deceased Family Members
Mary Hawkins
Mary, Jim & Greg Hawkins
Tim Heille, Son
Don Hensel & all my loved ones in eternity
Kenneth, Betty, Michael & Steve Hough
Igielski Family
Kathleen Ann Jarosch
Joan & Larry Jarosiewicz
Matilda & Marko Jurkovich
Susie Korf
Susan Korf, Wife
Walter & Angie Korf, Parents
Roberta Korf, Step Mom
Jackie Kramlinger
Ed & Ann Kramlinger
Steve Krampe
Krupich Family
Jack Kubiak

Dedicated by:

Christine Aleski
Mike & Terri Grill
Martha Arko
Rodney Korf
Jeanne Hess
Joe & Margie Fernlund
Chris Igielski
Toni Behling
Joann Bertini
Shirley A. Hanson
Linda Spence
Anonymous
Kathleen Daniewicz
Bill & Ora Dorgan
Patricia Ellis
Kathy Hiber
Ann Flottmeyer
Darlene Gerbozy
Kenneth B. Jarosch
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer families
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Dan & Pam Norton
Your Family
Mike & Terri Grill
Yolanda Groess
Deborah L. Hanson
Shirley A. Hanson
Deborah L. Hanson
Joan & Bob Hauri
Anonymous
Stephen
Nancy Heille
Betty Hensel
Linda Spence
Chris Igielski
Kenneth B. Jarosch
Nancy Heille
Martha Arko
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Rodney Korf
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Joe Kramlinger
Ann Flottmeyer
Christine Gamardt
Marlene Krupich
Lisa & Sue Kubiak

Dedicated in memory or honor of:

St. Pascal Faith Community
Mike Leier
Nick Leis
Ralph & Jackie Logan
Luis & Angela Lopez
Salvador Lopez
My Grandparents Cecil & Irene Mack
Marusich Family
Ro May
My Parents John & Gerry McKenzie
Gerry & John McKenzie
Mike & Joanne McMahon
Doris & Joe Milla
Georgine & Richard Misuka
Ray Muetzel
Kathryn Munoz
Norton Family
Pishko Family
Dorothy Pretski
Matthew David Rapacz
Mary Reiners
Loved Ones
Family & Friends
Dave Runing
Schelling Family
Joe & Dee Schmitz
Bernard & Veronica Schobe
Patrick, Trish, Mary, Mike & Tom Scoles
Mary Sikorski
Ronald Snyder
William C. Spicer
Jim Stach
Johanna Stenzel
Merrill Stenzel
Stonis Family
Mary Tacheny
John & Lorraine Trad
Jodi Timmons
Our Parents
Rosanne Uschold
Kay & Bernie Vagnoni
Paul Vogel
John & Savina Vukelich
Thomas Welch
Betty & Louis Welter
Ralf Westenhofer
Francisco & Elvira Yanez
Dean, Gloria & Kyle Zilley
Harold & June Zimmer

Dedicated by:

David Larson
Lois Leier
Dianne Leis
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer families
Fran & Geraldine Lopez
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John M. McKenzie
Toni Behling
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer families
John M. McKenzie
Kathleen Daniewicz
Shawn & Sue McMahon
Karen Shanley
Carol Luedtke
Eileen Mutetzel
Anonymous
Dan & Pam Norton
Christine Aleski
Doug & Lynn Kennedy
David & Diane Rapacz
Anonymous
Norma Roscoe
Carol Rueb
Dave & Sue Nechrebecki
Chris Igielski
Doug & Lynn Kennedy
Stephen
Catherine Scoles
Scott Sikorski & Barb Bassett
Kathryn Snyder
Deborah L. Hanson
Anonymous
Shirley A. Hanson
Shirley A. Hanson
Chris Igielski
Anonymous
Nancy Heille
Linda Spence
John & Brenda (Kuehn) Urbanski
Barb Uschold Anderson
Anonymous
Marlene Krupich
John & Linda Vukelich
Marge Arney
Fr. David & Dan Zimmer
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer families
Fran & Geraldine Lopez
Eric Zilley
Fr. Dave & Dan Zimmer



LORD JESUS,

You have come to us as a small child,
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

On the last weekend of each month, St. Pascal's is including an insert in the bulletin with the coming month's theme and suggested activities from *Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family* published by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Copies of the complete guide are available in the kiosk and online at archspm.org/sundays.

JANUARY

Invitation and Prayer

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." *Pope Francis*

Pope Francis reminds all Christians in *Evangelii Gaudium* that the joy that transforms our lives when we encounter the living Jesus is a joy that must be shared.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY:

- Invite someone outside of your family to share an aspect of your "reclaimed Sunday" (e.g., invite a neighbor for dinner, ask family friends to go on a walk with you).
- Liturgical Living: Intentionally celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (E.g., light candles and have a little procession to place the Magi in your Nativity scene, use blessed chalk to bless your doorways, eat a meal of middle Eastern food, sing "We Three Kings," etc.) Invite someone to share your celebration.
- Liturgical Living: Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by remembering your own family baptisms. Light your candles, look at photos and videos from the sacramental celebration, invite godparents to share your celebration, bless each other with holy water, pray for your godparents, pray for the priests who baptized you all, etc. While you have all these mementos out, document your family's baptism dates and mark them on your calendar to celebrate in years to come.
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

At St. Pascal's...

- A family-friendly Epiphany home blessing can be found on the reverse side. Chalk will be available in a basket in the gathering space on January 3 & 4 or contact Kim in the parish office.
- We are called to live out our baptism each day. Take some time to reflect on ways your baptism leads you to share in the life and mission of Christ.

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

It is a long-held Catholic tradition to bless one's home on (or near) the celebration of the Epiphany by using chalk to write a special inscription above the home's entrance.

The inscription written over the door changes every year. For this year, you should write: "20 + C + M + B + 26." The Letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first letters of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The + signs represent the cross, and 2026 is the year.

Here is a very family-friendly Epiphany home blessing.

Blessing the Chalk

Adult: Our help is the name of the Lord:

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Adult: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

All: From this time forth for evermore.

Adult: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Adult: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all who use it in faith to write upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit their home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Optional Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-16.

Also optional, you can sprinkle holy water in each room of your house while singing hymns or praying the rosary. Then gather at the front door to your home.

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step, or a wall within your home) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26

saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-six years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

