



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.

JANUARY 18, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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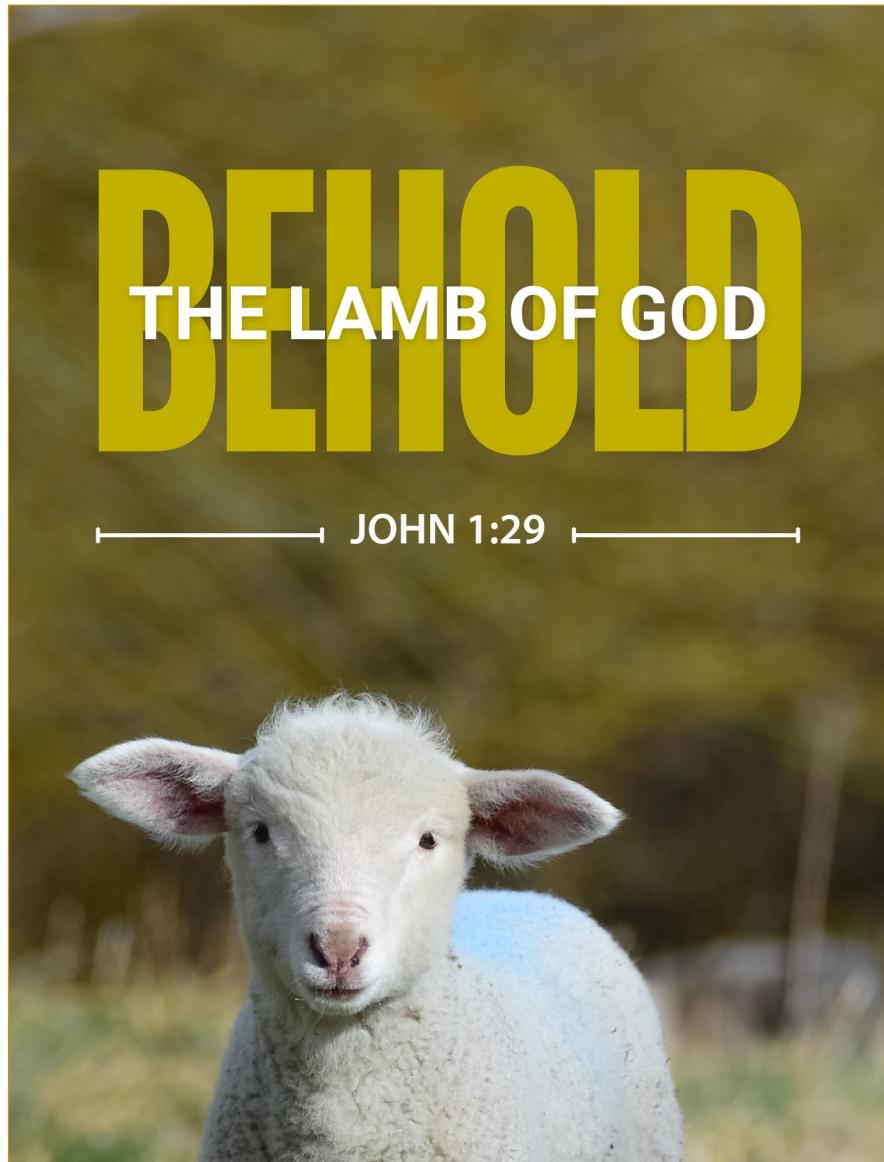
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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:

Thank you for welcoming Father Chuck Huck to preside at our Masses this weekend. Father Huck is a retired priest from the Diocese of Crookston. He will speak on behalf 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.

At the January 6, 2026, meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the following topics were discussed:

- **Lilly Grant:** Father John revisited the subject that was first discussed at the December meeting of our parish participating in a Lilly Grant for discipleship outreach through St. Catherine University. The grant would begin in Fall 2026 and award \$5,000.00 to our parish to use over 2-4 years for outreach and service opportunities. The Council recommended that we participate in the Lilly Grant.
- **Parish Financials:** We had better Sunday collections in November than in December. We received a generous Christmas collection. There were no major repairs in the building during the past month.

Updates from liaisons to parish groups and committees:

- **Parish Activities Committee:** Gearing up for Winter Game Night on Friday, January 23.
- **Liturgy/Choir:** The choir and musicians have been busy with Christmas liturgies and rehearsals.
- **Adult Faith Formation and Archdiocesan Synod Implementation:** A presentation by Vicki Klima on the topic of liturgical participation will be February 10 with one presentation in the afternoon and another in the evening; plans are in the works for a possible Lent series on how our baptism anoints us for mission; we will be having signups soon for Lent small groups.
- **Social Justice and Caring Committee:** Members of our parish Beacon team met with a large group of 300+ Beacon supporters in November to learn about threats to federal funding for supportive housing.
- **Women's Club:** The Christmas Bake Sale on December 20-21 went well.
- The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is February 3, 2026.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo 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

Participation of the Heart: Deeper Engagement in the Mass

Tuesday, February 10 at 1:00-3:00 PM and/or 6:30-8:30 PM

Presented by Vicki Klima

Based on her book of the same name, this presentation offers a fresh perspective on how Catholics can deepen their connection to the Mass. It encourages personal engagement and reflection, helping navigate the familiar rhythms of the ritual with renewed understanding and providing practical insights for finding spiritual enrichment and active participation in every Mass experience. Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

Register using the link at stpascals.org or by calling the parish office at 651.774.1585.

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— AROUND THE PARISH —

Lent 2026 Small Groups

Small groups are set to begin or resume in Lent 2026. Are you interested in joining a small group? Sign-ups will take place after Masses the weekends of January 24 & 25 and January 31 & February 1. The Lenten sessions for existing and new Small Groups will begin the week of February 16. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Crafter's Morning

Saturday, February 7 from 9:00-11:00 AM in Brioschi Hall

Join us for the first Women's Club Craft Social of the new year! Bring your current craft project or just come for conversation and refreshments. There will be a few craft items for the taking. Questions? Please call Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937.

— ST. PASCAL REGIONAL — AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

A Trip to BizTown

Our amazing 4th, 5th and 6th-grade scholars recently stepped into the world of business, money management and community in the Junior Achievement BizTown simulation. Over weeks of classroom learning, they prepared for this real-world experience. From running businesses and earning paychecks to making purchases and working as a team, scholars explored what it takes to succeed in a community. They applied classroom skills in a fun, hands-on setting, discovering careers, practicing financial skills, collaborating with classmates and even exercising civic duties like voting. We're so proud of how they showed curiosity, creativity and confidence today.

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 us!

We're hiring 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 listing.

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 or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

Mass Times & Intentions**Readings**
January 18, 2025**Tuesday, January 20**

8:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, January 22

8:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, January 23

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, January 24

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, January 258:45 AM + Len Demers &
+ Carl Buraglio

10:30 AM + Juliana Wong

Sunday:Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10**Monday:**1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23
Mk 2:18-22**Tuesday:**1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28**Wednesday:**1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6**Thursday:**1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
Mk 3:7-12**Friday:**1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11
Mk 3:13-19**Saturday:**2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,
19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21**Next Sunday:**Is 8:23-9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23**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!

**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	\$ 67,928.06	YTD Budgeted	\$ 335,220.30
+ / -	\$ 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!**THE WEEKS AHEAD****Sunday, January 18**After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall
11:30am Confirmation II: Old Church**Monday, January 19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Parish office closed

Tuesday, January 208:00am NO MASS
6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church**Wednesday, January 21**8:00am NO MASS
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus**Thursday, January 22**8:00am NO MASS
7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal & Social: Church, Brioschi Hall**Friday, January 23**

6:30pm Winter Game Night: Brioschi Hall

Saturday, January 24

After Mass Small Group Sign-ups: Gathering Space

Sunday, January 25After Masses Small Group Sign-ups: Gathering Space
11:45am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge**Monday, January 26**1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall
3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4**Tuesday, January 27**

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Wednesday, January 288:30am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus**Thursday, January 29**4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge
7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church**Friday, January 30**

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 31

After Mass Small Group Sign-ups: Gathering Space

Sunday, February 1After Masses Scout Sunday Fellowship: Brioschi Hall
After Masses Small Group Sign-ups: Gathering Space**Make No Mistake: Winter Has Come!****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, provided the pastor or presider can get to the church and that someone can unlock the building. As always, please keep your safety top of mind.

Church at Home: PJ Edition

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all our parishioners and visitors, we encourage 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.



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.

FEBRUARY

No/Low-Tech Sundays and Prayer

“Sometimes we prove hard of heart and mind; we are forgetful, distracted and carried away by the limitless possibilities for consumption and distraction offered by contemporary society.”

Evangelli Gaudium 196

The endless distraction of smart phones is well known. A device marketed to unite and connect has in many instances had an alternative impact. Create space in the interior of your heart to receive the blessing of God by turning off the distractions.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY:

- Turn off phones during dinner or all day.
- Stow devices or commit to not responding to emails, or engage in social media-free Sundays.
- If you choose to lessen media, try replacing that time with playing family games or reading books aloud together.
- Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026. Incorporate some kind of technology fast in your family's Lenten plan. Adults — lead by example!
- **Liturgical Living: Attend Stations of the Cross at your parish or pray a family-friendly version at home. (Start with 14 lit candles and extinguish one after each station.)**
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

At St. Pascal's...

- Consider participating in one of our small groups during Lent.
- Join us for the presentation “Participation of the Heart: Deeper Engagement in the Mass” on Tuesday, February 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm or from 6:30-8:30 pm. **More information on the reverse side!**
- Join us for the Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day Care Card event on Saturday, February 14 following the 4:30 pm Mass.

PARTICIPATION OF THE HEART



DEEPER ENGAGEMENT IN THE MASS

There is no fee to attend,
but please register

by February 8

if you plan to come so we
can prepare appropriately
for hospitality.

You may call the parish
office or register online
at www.stpascals.org/parish-news

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TWO OPTIONS!—CHOOSE THE BEST FOR YOU

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

1:00-3:00 pm OR 6:30-8:30 pm

Brioschi Hall

The same material will be presented at both sessions.

Copies of the book will be available for \$17 each.



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