



**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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**JANUARY 25, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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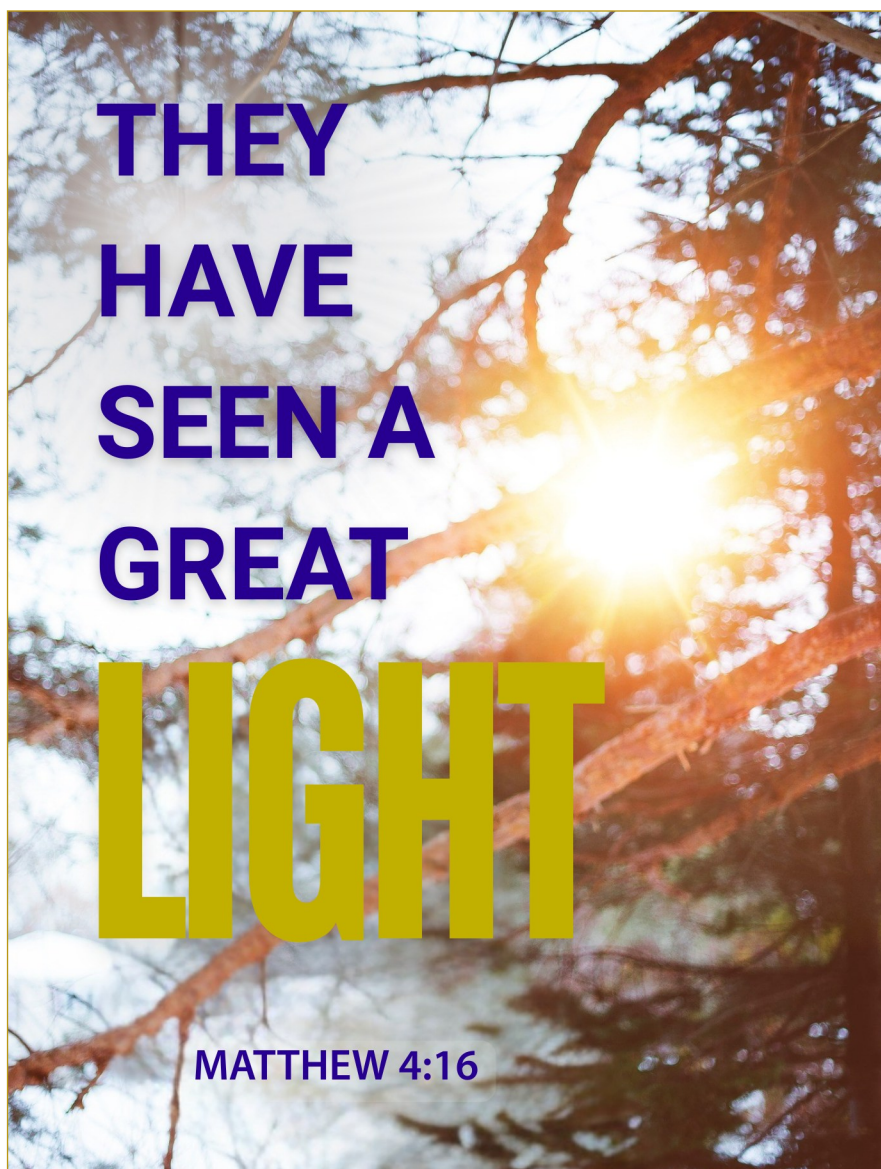
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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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:

**January 25-31, 2026, is National Catholic Schools Week**, which is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

St. Pascal Baylon Parish School closed on June 30, 2019, and St. Pascal Regional Catholic School opened on July 1, 2019. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis asked our parish to host St. Pascal Regional Catholic School on our parish campus. In 2022, St. Pascal Regional Catholic School joined Ascension Catholic Academy, which is a consortium of four Catholic schools. Ascension Catholic Academy provides centralized leadership, governance and financial sustainability for the four schools.

In 2024-25 at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, 113 students were enrolled in Kindergarten - 8th grade. 80% were students of color (Latino, African Immigrant, African American, Asian), 20% were English language learners, 69% met the federal criteria for free or reduced lunch, and 72% were Catholic.

St. Pascal Baylon Church provides the following financial support to the school:

- Our parish does not charge a rental fee to the school for the use of the school building;
- Our parish provides ongoing maintenance and repair of the school building. In 2024-25, this cost was \$26,543.00.
- Our parish pays the school's portion of our building mortgage. In 2024-25, the school's portion of the mortgage was \$91,031.00.
- Some parish staff time involves support of the school. Portions of clergy and maintenance salaries are estimated at \$43,717.00.
- The parish and school each pay 50% of the utility costs of the building electricity, natural gas, water, garbage, composting, lawn care, snow removal, and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) maintenance.

Catholic schools share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children throughout the entire school day. Catholic schools give students a chance to incorporate their faith into all facets of their studies, social interactions, recreation, and daily activities. Children bring home the faith practices, lessons and prayers they learned during the school day. I believe a strong Catholic school and a strong Catholic parish enhance one another. Thank you for supporting Catholic education. To arrange a student visit or family visit to St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, please call the school office at 651.776.0092.

**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

## ALL Ages Help Needed—Valentine Care Cards

ALL ages are invited to pick up a few Valentine care cards to write and/or color for the homebound or parishioners who will benefit from our outreach and care. Find the cards in the basket placed in the Gathering Space or contact Barb in the parish office for some. Follow the simple instructions: write a note, pray the prayer of blessing, and RETURN the completed cards to the parish office, c/o Barb Uschold Anderson, by Wednesday, February 4 OR sooner! For additional information, contact Barb at 651.432.4959 or [barb.ua@stpascals.org](mailto:barb.ua@stpascals.org).

## Mardi Gras Care Cards & Dinner—Saturday, February 14, at 5:30 PM

Join us in Brioschi Hall for dinner and a fun service project!

Sign up online with the convenient link at [stpascals.org/parish-news](http://stpascals.org/parish-news) or contact Barb in the parish office at 651.432.4959. A freewill offering will be accepted at the event.

## Hear It from Sharon

The St. Pascal Baylon Parish Community is a faith-filled, hospitable, and generous community that worships well together and commits to living their lives in the world as an example of Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to have served and prayed with you over the years. Your kindness and support have been a gift to me. Liturgical prayer here, of which music is a large part, has been one of the most blessed experiences of my life.

I began here as the full-time Minister of Liturgy and Music in 2003. In recent years, I transitioned to a half-time music ministry position. Now, as of June 1, 2026, I will retire. My family is very excited and full of ideas for the days and years ahead. As am I.

It has been a privilege to walk with you and with the pastors and parish team; one of the finest, by the way. Committed to working together, we have shared scripture and theology, offered creative ideas, and supported each other through the ups and downs of ministry.

The sound of our shared song, the ministry of our talented and dedicated musicians, instrumentalists, and singers, Judy Sherman, and the beauty of choral music-making will always be dear to my heart. I hope to continue as a member of this life-giving parish.

Thank you so much,

Sharon

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Donation Closet

#### February 2026: Listening House

Items will be collected for Listening House during the month of February. Listening House is a day shelter and community center providing hospitality, practical assistance and counsel to those who are unsheltered or in need.

- Men's Underwear: Small to 2XL
- Men's Hoodies: Small to 2XL
- Men's Jeans: Waist 28, 30, 32, 34, 36
- Men's T-shirts and Sweatshirts: Medium to 2XL
- Sweatpants: Medium to 2XL
- Men's shoes: All Sizes
- Women's Underwear: Small to 2XL
- Women's Jeans: Waist 2, 4, 6
- Sports Bras: All Sizes
- Belts
- Winter Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks, Handwarmers
- Hygiene Items (individual or regular size): shampoo, conditioner, lotion

Items will be collected through February 22.

*Thank you to all who donated to Brittany's Place during January.*

## FAITH FORMATION

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Baptisms taking place at Easter Vigil 2026

This year there are a few young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. Two have participated in our faith formation process on Wednesdays, and two others attend St. Pascal Regional Catholic School.

Parishioners may recall that in past years when we have had adult catechumens and candidates, special rites have taken place at weekend Masses, including the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate, the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names, and Scrutinies (Penitential Rites). As we only have young people of catechetical age involved this year, adaptations have been made in accord with the OCIA. The Rite of Entrance is taking place within smaller groups of faith formation and school peers. The Rite of Election is optional for this group so we will not be celebrating that. The penitential rite will also happen in smaller groups.

These young people will be celebrating the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please hold them in prayer as they continue their journey of study and prayer.

### Feeling Hungry for Fish Fry?

The First Friday of Lent is less than a month away! St. Pascal's Men's Club will host their famous Lenten Fish Fry starting February 20 at 4:30 PM and every Friday in Lent through March 27. Yum!

*"Lent is a serious season filled with prayer, giving something up, giving something back and serious people serious about Fish Fry."*

—Anonymous

### Preparing for Lent—Adult Faith Formation Lent 2026 Small Groups

Small groups are set to begin or resume in Lent 2026. 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.

### Anointed for Mission—Lent Series

*Mondays, February 23-March 23 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall*  
*Suggested Donation: \$10/person*

The liturgical season of Lent invites us to reflect on the meaning of our own baptism, so we can authentically renew our own baptismal promises at Easter. By their baptism, all the faithful are called to make Christ tangibly present in the world. Join us for a Parish Enrichment Series on the book *Anointed for Mission: Exercising Your Baptismal Call*. During this five-week series, we will reflect on "baptismal living" and the ways we are called to live out our baptismal roles as priest, prophet, and king in the world today.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up by February 13 for materials to be ordered and prepared. Register by using the SignUp Genius link on the parish website or contact Kim Roering at [kim.roering@stpascals.org](mailto:kim.roering@stpascals.org) (651.432.4958).

## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

### 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.

### The Great St. Pascal Puzzle and Game Exchange

#### Collection Weekends

*January 31 & February 1*  
*February 7 & 8*

#### Exchange Weekends

*February 14 & 15 and 21 & 22*

Collections/Exchanges are after all Masses. Gather your gently used puzzles and games for the Great St. Pascal Puzzle and Game Exchange. Puzzles and games for all ages are welcome. *Please tape puzzle boxes closed.* This is a FREE and fun event! Questions? Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937.

### HEADS-UP!

#### Gertens Spring Plant Sale starts soon!

We will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards again this year. A wide variety of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials will be available to order. It's time to start dreaming about your spring garden and stay tuned for more information shortly.

## 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  
Email [icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org](mailto:icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org)

### School Office Summer Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Fri 8:30 AM - 12:30 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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*St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church*

## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings

January 25, 2025

### Tuesday, January 27

8:00 AM + Eileen Muetzel

### Wednesday, January 28

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Thursday, January 29

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Friday, January 30

8:00 AM Alberto Estrada

### Saturday, January 31

4:30 PM + Don Hensel

### Sunday, February 01

8:45 AM + Judy Dellenbach

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!



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

### Catholic Schools Week

We are so excited to be celebrating Catholic Schools beginning Monday, January 26. It is a special time to celebrate the gift of Catholic education, our faith, our scholars, our families, and our community. We hope for a joyful week filled with gratitude, celebration, and school pride, and we look forward to sharing more details soon.

At St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, no child is invisible. Every scholar has a personalized plan for academic, social, and spiritual growth. Our commitment to knowing each child deeply—academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually—sets our school apart. Here, every child belongs, every child is supported, and every child is seen.

Thank you for your partnership, support, and commitment to our shared mission.

### 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/).

## THE WEEKS AHEAD

### Sunday, January 25

After 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 28

8:30am 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 1

After Masses Scout Sunday Fellowship: Brioschi Hall  
After Masses Small Group Sign-ups: Gathering Space

### Special Collection

In light of the events in our communities at the present time, all loose funds in this week's collection (January 24/25) will be given to our neighbors at Sacred Heart parish to help pay for and deliver food to their parishioners who do not feel safe to leave their homes. If you wish to write a check for this, please write "Sacred Heart" in the memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

*"May you be blessed in the holy names of those  
Who, without you knowing it,  
Help to carry and lighten your pain."*

—John O'Donohue, "For Suffering"

### Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults

St. Pascal's is committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults in all parish activities and sponsored ministries. All clergy and parish, school and archdiocesan employees, as well as all volunteers who have either regular or unsupervised interaction with minors, (or with vulnerable adults) must complete the Essential 3 (E3) requirements:

- Background Check
- Code of Conduct
- Safe Environment Training

Once completed, these are recredentialed every three years for those still in active ministry.

If you are planning to volunteer with youth or vulnerable adults and need to complete the E3, contact Kim Roering, Safe Environment Coordinator, at [kim.roering@stpascals.org](mailto:kim.roering@stpascals.org) (651.432.4958)

### Scout Sunday is February 1!

Please join us for this special Fellowship. We will be serving coffee, juice and doughnuts after both Sunday Masses. Thank you for supporting us in Scouting! Hosted by Cub Scout Pack and Scouting America Troop 294.



## 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](http://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."

*Evangelii 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.



ST. PASCAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH

# 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](http://www.stpascals.org/parish-news)

Based on her book of the same name, Vicki Klima's 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.

### **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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