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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.

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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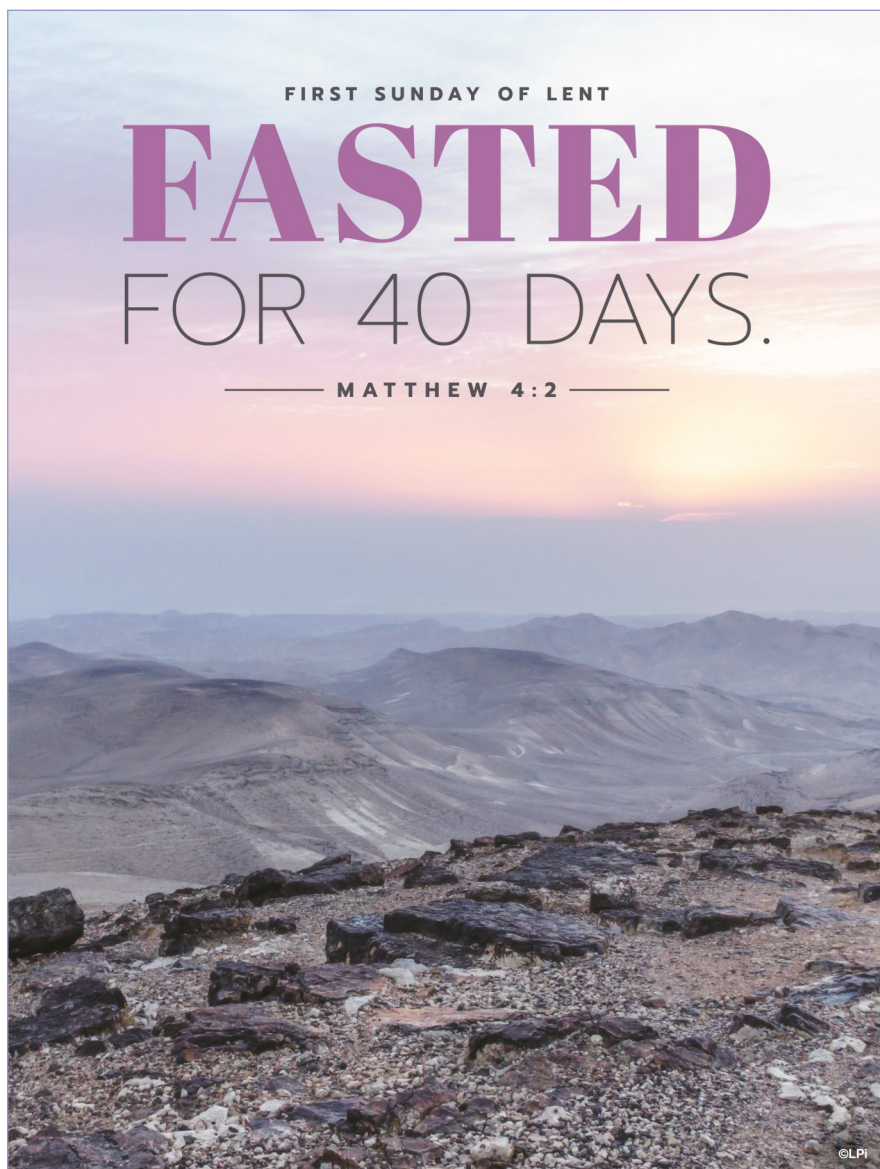
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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:

Job Posting: Pastoral Associate for Music, Church of St. Pascal Baylon, St. Paul, MN. Part-time.

Description: Oversee Wednesday adult choir rehearsals, including preparation time. Schedule musicians on a monthly/seasonal basis. Work with ASL (American Sign Language) on music texts. Utilize the parish talent pool and develop cantors, instrumentalists, and choir members. Develop and coordinate music ministry training schedules (cantors, choirs, and others). Plan long-range repertoire by reading and reflecting on Sunday and seasonal scriptures. Keep up-to-date on music resources. Plan and oversee weekly rehearsals with the choir and cantors. Oversee funeral and wedding music. Provide liturgical music education to all musicians. Coordinate copyright responsibilities with the Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy. Participate in weekly staff meetings (member of the parish team). Budgeting and financial oversight for the Music Ministry area. Familiarity with the Gather 4 hymnal. Involve the bell choir when possible. Hire outside musicians when appropriate. Schedule seasonal piano tuning, oversee musical instrument and audio equipment repair.

Qualifications: Must be a practicing Catholic. B.A. degree in music or equivalent work experience, including liturgy. Keyboard and vocal skills. Conducting experience. Knowledge of a wide range of liturgical music. Complete background check and Virtus training.

Application Instructions: Email a letter of interest and resume along with three references to: theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org. Application deadline: March 8, 2026.

Search Committee Members for the new Pastoral Associate for Music.

The following people have accepted my invitation to serve on our search committee: Judy Sherman, Mary Hansen, Christine Gamradt, Kathy Humiston, Theresa Ruttger, Jim Reisdorf, Joe Sullivan, and Terry Katz. We plan to review resumes in March and conduct the first round of interviews before Holy Week. Then we will take a break and continue the interview process after Easter. My goal is to have our new person hired before May 31. Please keep our Search Committee in your prayers. Let us also keep Sharon Balcom, our Pastoral Associate for Music, in our prayers. She is retiring on June 1. Thank you, Sharon, for your 23 years of service to our parish. We wish you joy and happiness in your future activities, travels and time spent with your family.

Congratulations to our High School Confirmation candidates who were confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, February 21. Thank you to Kim Roering and Mike Kelleher for leading the formation process for these candidates. Thank you to the parents and Confirmation sponsors for all your support and involvement in the lives of our candidates.

The Fish Fry is back! I am looking forward to our Men's Club Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent, February 20 - March 27, 4:30 – 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this meal possible. We appreciate it!

Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join us to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

We Care Campaign

On the weekend of March 7 - 8, 2026, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose bills and change from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next We Care Campaign. Generally, the SJCC selects three options for its We Care Campaigns. However, for this particular campaign, donations are being collected for one option:

Sacred Heart Church in St. Paul, Minnesota

St. Pascal's will give the collected funds to our neighbors at Sacred Heart parish to help with rent payments for families and individuals who do not feel safe leaving their homes.

Care for Our Common Home:

Lenten Resources

Make the Catholic Social Teaching, "Care for Our Common Home," part of your 2026 Lenten Prayer. The Catholic Climate Covenant website has a variety of prayers, reflections, and other resources. Go to catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-of-lent-2026/.

Volunteer Opportunities

Food Distribution

Looking to make a difference? Consider joining a crew at Progressive Baptist Church or St. Pascal's Church to distribute food to those in need.

Progressive has a weekly distribution on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM - Noon. To learn more, contact Julianne Ludden at julianneludden@gmail.com.

St. Pascal's partners with Merrick Community Services for a monthly distribution, typically on the 4th Monday of the month, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM (two shifts are available).

For more information about St. Pascal's distribution, contact Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com or Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Lent: A Time of Preparation

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Marian Center Mass and Social—225 Frank Street, Saint Paul

Wednesday, February 25, Mass at 1:00 PM

Please join St. Pascal's parishioner residents for Mass at Marian Center followed by social time with coffee and treats. Please contact Barb Uschold Anderson in the parish office for more information. All are welcome!

— 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

We are looking for a Communications Manager. Learn more and apply at careers.archspm.org/. Search on "Ascension Academy" to find the listing.

Volunteers Needed

Thursday, March 19, from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Serve as a judge for our upcoming Science Fair! Judges will have the opportunity to engage with students, ask questions about their projects, and help celebrate their hard work and curiosity. Volunteers with a background in science, technology, engineering, mathematics or education are especially encouraged to participate. If you would like to support our scholars and share your expertise, we would be grateful for your time and talents!

Please email Ms. Connolly, Middle School Math and Science Teacher, to learn more or to sign up at kconnolly@stpascalschool.org.

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 (651.432.4958).

Sit Comfortably, Pray Peacefully

Need a little cushion for your seat, or your back? Help yourself to a pew pad from the basket in the Gathering Space. Please return the pad to the basket after Mass. Enjoy!

Women's Club Fish Fry Bake Sale: Fridays from February 20 - March 27

Thanks to those who donated to our first Fish Fry Bake Sale! We will be selling desserts at all five remaining Fish Frys. Bring your homemade or store-bought cupcakes, cookies, bars, candies or other goodies to the parish office by Friday morning.

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Puzzle and Game Exchange

This weekend! February 21 & 22

Stop by Brioschi Hall to check out all the remaining puzzles and games... and this weekend, help yourself!

Gertens Spring Plant Sale Update

Our online store for the Spring Plant Sale opens on *Monday, February 16!* Go to gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club **store number 447**. Many, many fantastic items are available: Gertens plant cards, hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, and perennials. Order from the comfort of your home and in your pajamas. Sale ends on *April 2*. Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on *May 9/10*. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Clean out your Jewelry Box

The St. Pascal Women's Club is accepting donations for their Spring Jewelry Boutique in April! Drop off your unwanted classic, vintage, costume or fine jewelry in the Donation Closet. Call Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 with any questions.

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 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

Mass Announcements

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

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry—All Fridays of Lent February 20 - March 27 from 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandrau Street entrance.)

The "All-You-Care-To-Eat" buffet will offer fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac-n-cheese, dinner roll, pudding and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, and pop are available for purchase.

Adults (12 and up): \$16.00 | Children (6-11): \$8.00 | 5 and under: Free

Cash, check, or card accepted. Takeout is available if the hall is full or the wait is too long.

All proceeds benefit St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's K-8 PhyEd program and other parish/school needs.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

February 22, 2026

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 AM + Tracey Kass Stage

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, February 26

8:00 AM + Carolyn Kazda

Friday, February 27

8:00 AM + Irudayasraj Antonysamy

Saturday, February 28

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, March 01

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:45 AM The people of the parish

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!



Readings

February 22, 2026

Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:
Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent

After Masses Women's Club Puzzle Exchange: Brioschi Hall
11:45am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, February 23

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall
3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4
6:30pm Anointed for Mission Series: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, February 24

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Wednesday, February 25

8:30am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus
6:30pm 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, February 26

4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

Friday, February 27

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen
4:30pm Women's Club Bake Sale: Gathering Space
7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, February 28

8:00am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, March 1: 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:45am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, March 2

6:30pm Anointed for Mission Series: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, March 3

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church
6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, March 4

8:30am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 5

9:30am Visitation for Joe Siedschlag: Gathering Space, Chapel
10:30am Funeral & Lunch for Joseph Siedschlag:
Church, Brioschi Hall
6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, March 6

8:30am First Friday Social: Brioschi Hall
4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen
4:30pm Women's Club Bake Sale: Gathering Space
7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 7

We Care Campaign

Sunday, March 8: 3rd Sunday of Lent

We Care Campaign

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Are you interested in helping our parish endure through future generations through planned giving? St. Pascal's Legacy Committee wants to spread the vision that St. Pascal's is a parish with a great future. It encourages planned giving to support the future at St. Pascal's. 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: December 2025

Reconciled Financials for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$	92,886.98	YTD Giving	\$	428,798.33
Budgeted	\$	<u>84,001.06</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$	<u>419,221.36</u>
+ / -	\$	+8,885.92	YTD + / -	\$	+9,576.97

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2025)

Mortgage Balance:	\$	2,283,725.51
Principal:	\$	5,018.72
Interest:	\$	<u>13,658.42</u>
Monthly Payment	\$	18,677.14

Collected Donations	\$	150,587.12
Payment:	\$	<u>112,062.84</u>
+ / -	\$	+38,524.28

Reserve Acct Balance: \$ 99,470.62

of payments in Reserve: 5

Thank you for your support!



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.

MARCH

Elevated Conversation and Prayer

"The spirit of love which reigns in a family guides both mother and child in their conversations; therein they teach and learn, experience correction and grow in appreciation of what is good."

Evangelii Gaudium 139

The power of conversation in a family cannot be overstated. The act of listening with the ear of the heart and responding out of love to what was heard is the bedrock of trust in the family. Taking time to engage in this kind of conversation can often get pushed aside for the utilitarian needs that take priority in working to manage frantic family life.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH:

- Set aside time for intentional conversation and check on each other's "highs and lows" from the week.
- Read or listen to the daily Gospels. Discuss the reading.
- Set aside one-on-one time between a parent and a child to encourage conversations that may be lost in the busyness of family life. (Go out for breakfast or coffee/cocoa, etc.)
- Consider a silent dinner (counter intuitive to elevated conversation) - during the silent dinner, a piece of music is listened to, or a book is read. This will lead to elevated conversation following the experience.
- **Liturgical Living: Celebrate St. Joseph's solemnity. Honor your father and grandfathers somehow. Show appreciation to your priest in some way.**
- **Liturgical Living: Celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation in some way. It is a break from Lent and nine months to Christmas!**
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.