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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.

MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY

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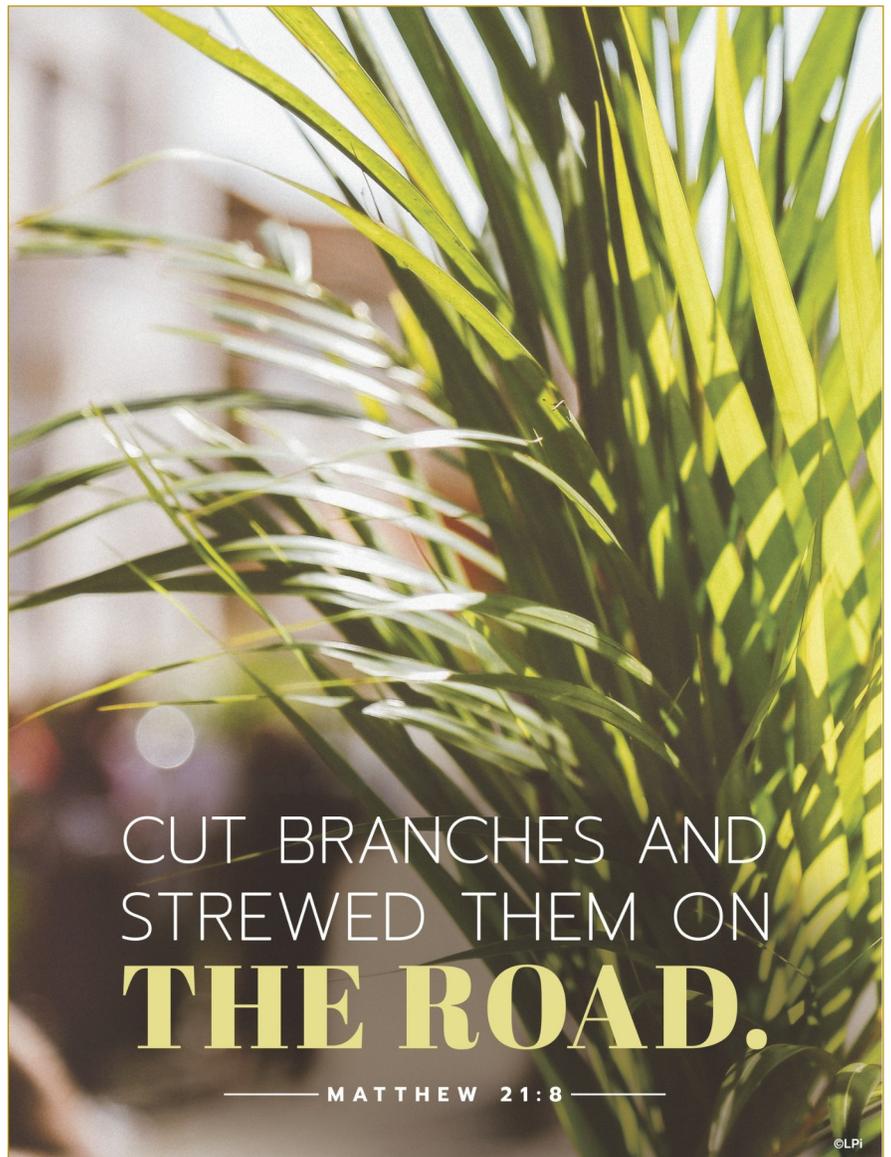
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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:

Welcome to Holy Week. This week stands at the head of our Church calendar, and it is the holiest week of the entire liturgical year. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and continues until Easter Sunday. It celebrates the Paschal Mystery - the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I invite you to join us throughout the week for our liturgies.

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm branches are blessed and carried in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. Soon the mood changes from triumph to death, and we hear the Passion narrative of the arrest, crucifixion and death of Jesus. We reflect on these momentous events in Jesus' life.

The Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. During the middle part of Mass, the foot washing ritual recalls how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples during the Last Supper. The ritual action of foot washing teaches us to humble ourselves and serve one another, even to the point of doing a menial task joyfully. After receiving Holy Communion, we will spend a moment in silent reflection, and then we have a solemn procession of the Eucharist through the church to honor our Lord's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This is followed by the Stripping of the Altar which is a solemn liturgical action that involves removing all linens, candles and vessels from the altar and sanctuary, leaving it bare. This ritual action symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples, his humiliation by soldiers, and the stripping of his garments before crucifixion. The liturgy this evening does not end with a final blessing or ritual dismissal. We leave silently. The liturgy will continue the next day with the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

The Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion carries great emotions for us as we remember the suffering and death of Jesus. This liturgy has three major parts: the Liturgy of the Word with the proclamation of the Passion and an extended set of General Intercessions for important concerns of the Church and the world, the Veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. Similar to last night, this liturgy does not have a final blessing or dismissal because we will leave the church in silence and then continue the liturgy tomorrow night at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday begins with the Service of Light outside the church doors. The flame of the paschal candle is the symbol of the Light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our minds and hearts. Then we move into church carrying lighted candles. The singing of the Exsultet proclaims the Resurrection of Christ with an invitation to heaven and earth to join with the Church in joy and jubilation. During the Liturgy of the Word, we will hear about various deeds of salvation history. After the Liturgy of the Word, three brothers will celebrate baptism, confirmation and receive the Eucharist for the first time. This liturgy also includes the renewal of our baptism promises. It is truly a night to celebrate!

Easter Sunday. We continue to celebrate the joy of the risen Christ today and for the next 50 days of the Easter Season.

God Bless You,
 Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Donation Closet: April 2026

Fishes and Loaves at Progressive Baptist

Our April collection will support the Fishes and Loaves food shelf at Progressive Baptist. Each week over 120 households are served. Currently the following products are needed:

- Canned goods--fruits, vegetables, tuna, chicken, etc.
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Dry & canned cat food

Items will be collected through the weekend of April 26 and can be left in the donation closet off of the gathering space coat room.

Thank you to all who donated to Merrick Community Services in March.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Called to Share, Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Have you been using a Rice Bowl at home for part of your Lenten almsgiving? At the end of Lent, you can turn in your donations in one of three ways:

1. Bring your CRS Rice Bowl to St. Pascal's during Holy Week or Easter Week.
2. Convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a check made out to St. Pascal Baylon. *Be sure to note it is for CRS Rice Bowl and then drop it off or mail to the parish.*
3. Donate directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crsricebowl.org/give.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the latest We Care Campaign for our neighbors at Sacred Heart parish.

Fr. John delivered a check for \$9,941.87 that will help their parishioners with rent assistance.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Paul Kerwin

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.

Growing Through Loss—Five-week series beginning Tuesday April 14

Hosted by Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, located at 1669 Arcade Street, St. Paul

Registration is from 6:00-6:30 PM.

Speaker begins at 6:30 PM followed by an opportunity for small group sharing until 8:15 PM.

You may attend any one or all the programs. All are welcome. The series continues each Tuesday through May 12. Brochures are available in the kiosk in the Gathering Space.

To learn more, call Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959.

— **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 seeking a Communications Manager. Learn more and apply at careers.archspm.org. Search on "Ascension Catholic Academy."

Annual Author's Night

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, April 13 in Brioschi Hall

We would love you, your friends and neighbors to join us for a 6:30 PM Social and 7:00 PM book discussion. Author Marcie Rendon will discuss *Broken Fields*, the fourth book in her Cash Blackbear mystery series, set in the 1970s Red River Valley. The plot follows protagonist Cash Blackbear, a young Ojibwe, as she works to solve the murder of a local farmer. Please enter through the main church doors. All are most welcome. **Please Note:** There will be no 2 PM meeting in April.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 and 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge. All parish women are invited to join us for our monthly discussions—come as often as your schedule and interests allow. To learn more, contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us (651.731.7763).

Rainforest Falls: Explore the Nature of God | Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, June 22-26 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon

At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God! Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. VBS is for children ages 4 (by 9/1/2026) and up.

Cost is \$50/child or \$120/family (3 or more children). Scholarships available.

Registration forms are available in the kiosk and on the parish website. For more information, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Spring Family Fiesta 2026—Saturday, April 18 following the 4:30 PM Mass

All ages welcome! Registration for the event via Signup Genius is now open and reservations will be taken following Masses on the weekend of April 11-12. Volunteers are needed to help make this community celebration a success. If you are interested in planning or volunteering the day of the event, contact Kim Roering in the parish office or Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com.

Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee.

DESSERT RAFFLE: Guests at the dinner will have a chance to purchase raffle tickets to win a delicious dessert donated by a fellow parishioner. Raffle winners will be able to satisfy their sweet tooth (and that of their friends). Please consider joining in the fun and donating a dessert for the raffle. For those who don't bake themselves, we encourage purchasing from a local bakery—all desserts are welcome! Please contact Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com if you are interested in donating a dessert, or if you have any questions. You may also call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

— **WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS** —

Gertens Spring Plant Sale!

Only 4 days left—sale ends on April 2!

Time is running out for the spring plant sale—for best selection order as soon as possible. Grow a garden of colorful flowers, or a patch of fresh veggies, or pick up a plant card for a Mother's Day gift. This is a major fundraiser for the Women's Club—please support us! We are selling a wide variety of Gertens plants and plant cards online. To check out all the items available and to order, go to gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store number **447**. Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on May 9 and 10. Just in time for Mother's Day! If you need help ordering or have questions or concerns, please contact Ellen Aeling at ellenoaeling@gmail.com (651.307.8241).

"That is one good thing about this world... there are always sure to be more springs."

—L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Avonlea*

Mark your Calendar!

The St. Pascal Women's Club will open their Spring Jewelry Boutique before and after all Masses on April 18-19. Shop for Mother's Day gifts, jewels for Prom, Graduation presents or "I Love Me" treasures at thrift store prices. If you'd like to help at the sale, call Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180.

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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, April 01

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, April 02

Holy Thursday

8:00 AM No Mass: Morning Prayer

7:00 PM The people of the parish

Friday, April 03

Good Friday

8:00 AM No Mass: Morning Prayer

7:00 PM The people of the parish

Saturday, April 04

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM No Mass: Morning Prayer

8:00 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, April 05

Easter Sunday

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!



Parking Lot Safety

Both driveways going into the church parking lot from Flandrau Street and the driving lane near the dumpsters are chained off during school recess from 10:50-11:40 AM to keep the school children safe while playing outside. Parking is available near Door 5 (enter off Third Street), in the Conway lot, or on the street during that 50-minute period. Parking in the regular lot WILL be available for funerals and parish events. If you have questions, call the school office at 651.776.0092. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

Readings

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday:

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31,

33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,

17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,

17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday:

Great Vigil of Easter

Gn 1:1-2:2

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14,

24, 35

Gn 22:1-18

Ps 16:5, 8-11

Ex 14:15-15:1

(Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

Is 54:5-14

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Is 55:1-11

(Ps) Is 12:2-6

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ps 19:8-11

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

Rom 6:3-11

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

11:30am Holy Week Decorating: Church

Monday, March 30

No scheduled events

Tuesday, March 31

No scheduled events

Wednesday, April 1

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper: Church

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

7:00pm Service of Our Lord's Passion: Church

Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter: Church

9:30pm Reception: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

No scheduled events

Have blessed and happy Easter!

Monday, April 6—Easter Monday

Parish office closed

Tuesday, April 7

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, April 8

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, April 9

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

6:30pm SJCC: Staff Lounge

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

Friday, April 10

8:30am First Friday Social: Brioschi Hall

Saturday, April 11

After Mass Fiesta Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, April 12

After Masses Fiesta Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

11:30am Women's Club Board Meeting: Founders Room

5 Things You Can Do to Leave a Legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift (called a bequest) in your will or revocable trust for the not-for-profit organizations that make a difference in your life.
3. Name your favorite not-for-profit as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
4. Name your favorite not-for-profit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
5. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please make St. Pascal's an important part of your legacy by remembering the parish in your estate plan. To learn more about St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in 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.



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.

APRIL

Breaking Bread and Prayer

“But because of its special solemnity and the obligatory presence of the community, and because it is celebrated “on the day when Christ conquered death and gave us a share in his immortal life,” the Sunday Eucharist expresses with greater emphasis its inherent ecclesial dimension. It becomes the paradigm for other Eucharistic celebrations. Each community, gathering all its members for the “breaking of the bread,” becomes the place where the mystery of the Church is concretely made present.”

Dies Domini 34

Just as we gather around the banquet feast at the Eucharist, our families can model this communal breaking of the bread in our own homes through celebrating the day with a special meal and extended time at the table.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL:

- Create a special meal and share time at the table together.
- Early in the month, spend some time one Sunday to make family plans for the Triduum and Easter. There are so many traditions that go with these days! Adopt a new one.
- Find ways to incorporate Alleluias into your family's prayer. (Sing it, pray it, decorate your prayer space with it, greet each other with it ...)
- Plan ways your family can intentionally celebrate the season of Easter for all 50 days (especially appropriate on Sundays).
- Learn the *Regina Caeli* prayer
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

At St. Pascal's...

- Pray for our young people who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026.
- Pray for our young people who will join us at the Table of the Lord for the first time the weekend of May 2 & 3, 2026.