

## St. Pascal Social Justice and Caring Committee Minutes

April 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm

In-Person at St. Pascal's

*"Hope is love in the process of becoming..."*

Mary Tacheny offered prayer, a reflection from John Lewis

Reflection and Sharing/Debrief - What resonated with you from the Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees event? Now what? What's next? What thought might you have as we pray for peace, as Pope Leo will be doing at 6 pm (local time) on Saturday at St. Peter's in Rome?

- Link to Pope Leo's Prayer Vigil for Peace on Saturday, April 11 at 11 am (CDT) - <https://www.youtube.com/live/ef4aM7nfNBc?si=FBGC4Fqz1wQBZoL9>
- Fr. John reported that there were 111 participants at the Stations event at St. Pascal's on Sunday, March 22.

Reminder: [Accola Annual Impact Breakfast](#) event at St. Catherine University on Tuesday, April 21st at 8:00 (coffee & connecting) and 8:30 -9:30 am (program) - Presently Mary T, Gerald, and Mary W are registered to attend.

Catholic Charities Maplewood Family Service Center Opportunity -

- Mary Tacheny and her group stepped back when it got to be too much, including washing the dishes.
- Mary Weyandt will check in with Kim to see how we might want to proceed to see what possibilities there may be for a refreshed St. Pascal's involvement with the Family Service Center.
- Update: Ramsey County is ending its relationship with Catholic Charities for management of the Family Service Center when the current contract ends on 6/30/26.
- **Calendaring for Next Year--Meeting Dates 2026-2027 - approved**
  - July 2, 2026
  - August 6, 2026
  - September 3, 2026
  - October 1, 2026
  - November 5, 2026
  - December 3, 2026
  - January 7, 2027
  - February 4, 2027
  - March 4, 2027
  - April 1, 2027
  - May 6, 2027
  - June 3 2027

## REPORTS

Progressive (Julie Ludden): Progressive is breaking ground next month on a new facility on their campus, which will include a dedicated space for their food shelf and distribution, and perhaps clients will be able to do “grocery shopping.”

Merrick: 60 orders were prepared as usual for approximately 50-60 households, with all food distributed by 4:30 pm in March. Joshua Bau has left Merrick and new staff delivered the food, and will be in contact with Kim regarding St. Pascal’s monthly order.

Donation Closet:

- March - Merrick MN Food Share Drive - collected food sent in on March 23
- April - Progressive Fishes and Loaves
- May - Listening House
- June - Brittany’s Place

Beacon (Julie Moore): nothing current to report

Twin Cities Catholics for Immigrant Justice (Mary Weyandt): Met via Zoom on Tuesday, April 7th. Invitation to the April 14th vigil at The Whipple building, flyer attached with agenda and here is the zoom link: [Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom](#). Mary Weyandt will resend the flyer and Zoom link.

Care for Creation Team (Bruce & Sue Labno): The next meeting is Thursday, April 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Provided an update of upcoming items related to Earth Week, taking ideas from the team and publicizing in The Pulse and Bulletin. The team will be working with Fr. John and Kim to include mercy and caring for our surroundings to be included in The Pulse.

Bloodmobile (Margaret Malec): At St. Pascal’s on Monday, April 13th, from 12 - 5 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 7th at St. Pascal’s

PRAYER FOR MAY: Martha Arko

MINUTES FOR MAY: Mary Tacheny

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY:

- June We Care, 6/6-6/7
- Ministry Fair on June 20-21 during Fellowship
- National Night Out on August 4, 2026
- Care for the Campus and Gardening Committee will be starting up, and Fr. John will keep the team informed of their activities and if help is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Weyandt