



**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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**MAY 03, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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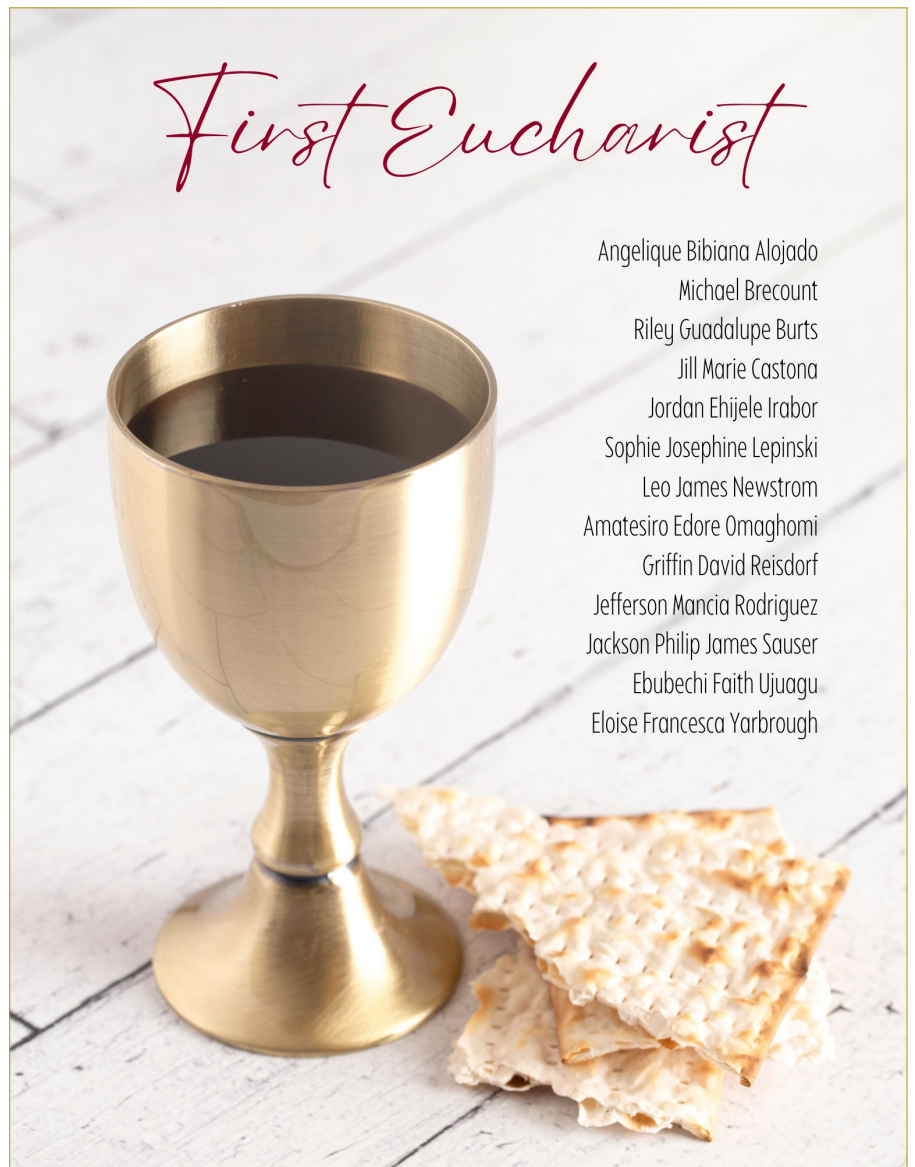
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
*Holiday hours as announced*

After-hours pastoral emergency:  
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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:

**Welcome to our children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.** As we see their joy in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, we are renewed in our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, namely, that the body and blood of Jesus are really, truly present in the Eucharist in the outward appearances of bread and wine. Our belief in the Real Presence is rooted in the biblical texts from the Last Supper (Mt 26, Lk 22, Mk 14), where Jesus says, "This is my Body...this is my Blood" and John 6:55, "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink". Through our reception of the Eucharist, we have union with Jesus and all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ (Catechism, 1396). Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Eucharist.

**New Pastoral Associate for Music hired.** Since February, I have been working with a Search Committee to find a new Pastoral Associate for Music for our parish. The members of the committee were: Christine Gamradt, Mary Hansen, Kathy Humiston, Terry Katz, Jim Reisdorf, Theresa Ruttger, Judy Sherman and Joe Sullivan. I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Pastoral Associate for Music. Her name is Emily Cicha. Her first official day of work will be June 1, 2026. Our current Pastoral Associate for Music, Sharon Balcom, will be retiring on May 31, and we are grateful for her 23 years of service to our parish. Emily will work some hours here during May to meet with Sharon and get to know the liturgy and music program, our music library, instruments and sound equipment, and the current procedures for scheduling the choir, cantors and musicians. Emily is pleasant, humble, kind and has a good sense of humor. She has worked in the past as a high school and middle school choir director. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in music education from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Please join me in praying for both Sharon and Emily as they begin new chapters in their life.

**2026 Fund-A-Need Goal Reached!** We have now received \$44,711 towards our goal of \$43,000 to install new water supply pipes and shutoffs on the first floor of the school, and to replace the third-floor school toilets and faucets. This project will reduce our water usage, lower our monthly costs, and mitigate the risk of water damage from failed shutoffs and connections. Any additional funds raised for this year's Fund-A-Need will go toward unforeseen expenses related to the planned repairs and future improvements to the school's plumbing. Thank you!

**The purchase agreement for our parish to sell Ryan Field to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative has been extended to December 31, 2027.** We had planned to finalize the sale of Ryan Field at 470 White Bear Avenue by June 30, 2026. However, ongoing changes in our economy have slowed Beacon's application process for tax-exempt financing at the city, county, and state levels. Once Beacon purchases Ryan Field, they plan to construct affordable housing in the form of an apartment building called The Aragon. Beacon remains fully committed to making The Aragon a reality. They asked us to extend the purchase agreement to December 31, 2027, and we agreed to their request. In return, Beacon has paid a non-refundable earnest money amount to our parish in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement. Let us keep Beacon in our prayers as they work to provide affordable housing in our community.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Donation Closet

#### May 2026: Listening House

These NEW or GENTLY USED & CLEAN items will be collected in May for Listening House:

- Men's Underwear—sizes S-2XL
- Men's Hoodies—sizes S-2XL
- Men's Jeans—waist 28, 30, 32, 34, 36
- Men's T-shirts—sizes M-2XL
- Men's Sweatshirts—sizes M-2XL
- Men's Shoes—all sizes
- Sweatpants—M-2XL
- Women's Underwear—sizes S-2XL
- Women's Jeans—waist sizes 2, 4, 6
- Sports Bras—all sizes
- Belts—all sizes

Items will be collected through the weekend of May 31. Thank you for your generosity.

### Care for Creation

*"The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."*

(Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], no. 159)

## — GROWING THROUGH LOSS —

Tuesday, May 5

Gustav Adolphus Lutheran Church  
1669 Arcade Street, Saint Paul

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

The spring East Metro Grief Coalition Growing Through Loss series continues with "It Takes a Team: Seeking & Receiving Care from Others" with Ted Bowman, grief and family educator. The speaker presentation is followed by an opportunity for small group sharing until 8:15 PM. Handouts & resources are available. You may attend any one or all the programs. All are welcome. Brochures are available in the kiosk. Call Barb Uschold Anderson for more information: 651.432.4959.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Registration for 2026-2027 Now Open**

Wednesday evening faith formation is open to all children of St. Pascal's who attend public schools. Forms are available on the parish website. Note that there are 3 forms to be completed:

1. FAMILY INFORMATION FORM (1 per family)
2. INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FROM (1 per child enrolling)
3. AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR USE OF VISUAL LIKENESSES AND ORIGINAL WORKS OF MINORS (1 per child enrolling)

*Registrations are due August 1.* However, as we need to allocate appropriate space and materials for each group, the sooner the better! Fees do not need to be paid until after August 1.

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Registration for 2026-2027 Now Open**

Children in grade 2 and older during the 2026-2027 school year whose families belong to St. Pascal's are welcome to prepare for and celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration forms and more information are now available on the parish website. *Registrations are due by August 1.*

**Vacation Bible School**

**Rainforest Falls: Explore the Nature of God**

*June 22-26, 2026 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 in the kiosk and on the parish website. For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**ST. PASCAL REGIONAL**

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

Phone: 651.776.0092 | Email: [office@stpascalschool.org](mailto:office@stpascalschool.org)

**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/).

**Our Library is Growing**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased books for our library. Still interested in helping us expand our library? Scan the QR code:



**Day Trip for VIPs/55+ on Thursday, June 4**

Join us for a day trip to the Gabbert Raptor Center and Bell Museum Planetarium. Sandwich or salad lunch is included. We'll leave from the Flandrau parking lot around 9:15 AM and return by about 4:30 PM. As it's a short drive, we will travel by school bus.

**\$40 check/cash is due by May 18 to secure your spot!**

Send in/drop off your payment to the parish office—don't delay! (Make checks payable to St. Pascal's.)

Please indicate your choice of croissant sandwich or salad lunch: Sandwich with turkey, ham or roast beef OR Cobb Salad or Caesar Salad (both w/grilled chicken). Please indicate your dressing preference for the Cobb. Contact Barb at [barb.ua@stpascals.org](mailto:barb.ua@stpascals.org) (651.432.4959). Scholarships available.

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**The Plants are Coming! The Plants are Coming!**

**Just a reminder:** If you ordered plants and/or plant cards from the St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens plant sale, they will be available for pickup before and after Masses on May 9/10.

**Attention Gardeners!**

Spring is here and it's time to start planning for our popular Produce Table. As you excitedly prepare for the upcoming growing season, please remember to plant a few extra rows or plants to share with fellow parishioners if you are able. Questions? Feel free to contact Julie Ludden at [julianneludden@gmail.com](mailto:julianneludden@gmail.com).

**St. Pascal's Women's Book Club**

*Monday, May 11 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM*

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge, near the Conway entrance. All parish women are invited to join either group for its monthly discussions.

On May 11, we will discuss *Watch Me Disappear* by Janelle Brown. It's a suspense novel about Billie Flanagan, a charismatic mother who vanishes during a solo hike, leaving her husband and daughter to piece together her life and mysterious absence. On June 8, we'll share thoughts about *The Reason Why I Jump* by Naoki Higashida. It is a memoir by a very smart, very self-aware, and very charming thirteen-year-old boy with autism that demonstrates how an autistic mind thinks, feels, perceives, and responds in ways few of us can imagine.

**St. Pascal's Day at Target Field**

*Sunday, August 16 at 1:10 PM vs. the Philadelphia Phillies*

The Minnesota Twins have generously donated tickets to the game! Tickets are \$5.00. If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets, please get in touch with Mike Kelleher in the parish office at [mike.kelleher@stpascals.org](mailto:mike.kelleher@stpascals.org) (651.432.4962).

**St. Pascal's Legacy Society**

**Tax-Efficient Legacy of Faith.** Gifts of life insurance policies to St. Pascal's can yield substantial tax savings to you while maximizing your Legacy gift. Consult with your tax adviser. Learn more about St. Pascal's Legacy Society. Call Theresa at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen & Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Bridgid O'Malley.

**Stewardship of Giving: March 2026**

Reconciled Financials for Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

**Current Sunday Giving**

Giving	\$ 55,525.95	YTD Giving	\$ 635,705.05
Budget	\$ 67,044.06	YTD Budget	\$ 621,651.54
+/-	\$ -11,518.11	YTD +/-	\$ 14,053.51

**Mortgage Reduction (as of March 31)**

<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,215,282.33</b>
Principal	\$ 6,005.67
Interest	\$ <u>12,671.47</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 18,677.14
YTD Donations	\$ 224,177.61
YTD Payment	\$ 168,094.26
+/-	\$ 56,083.35
<b>Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$ 97,878.19</b>
Months of payment	5

*Thank you for your support!*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, May 05

8:00 AM + Dean Larson

### Wednesday, May 06

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Thursday, May 07

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Friday, May 08

8:00 AM + Edward Graw

### Saturday, May 09

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

### Sunday, May 10

8:45 AM + Marcie Ellis

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 03, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / 1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13b, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-12 / Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 /  
1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

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## CONTACT US!

### Sacramental Information

#### Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM or contact Fr. John.  
Communal celebrations as announced.

#### Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required. To register for a 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 Communication

#### Bulletin Notices

Due 5:00 PM Monday to [thea.munoz@stpascals.org](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

#### Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday to [keri.mader@stpascals.org](mailto:keri.mader@stpascals.org)

#### Parish Prayer Line

Mary Butler-Levine  
651.735.0004

### 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

## THE WEEKS AHEAD

### Sunday, May 3—1st Eucharist Weekend

No scheduled events

### Monday, May 4

No scheduled events

### Tuesday, May 5

10:30am Funeral for Dennis DeMarais

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

### Wednesday, May 6

8:30am Rosary: Church

### Thursday, May 7

9:30am Visitation for Eunice Winger: Gathering Space, Chapel

10:30am Funeral for Eunice Winger: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Staff Lounge

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

### Friday, May 8

No scheduled events

### Saturday, May 9

2:30pm Gertens Spring Plant Pick up: Door 4

After Mass Gertens Spring Plant Pick up: Brioschi Hall

### Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

After Masses Gertens Spring Plant Pick up: Brioschi Hall

### Monday, May 11

2:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

### Tuesday, May 12

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

### Wednesday, May 13

8:30am Rosary: Church

### Thursday, May 14

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

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

### Friday, May 15

No scheduled events

### Saturday, May 16

No scheduled events

### Sunday, May 17

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

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## "Thanks Mom for Life" Mother's Day Flower Sale

*Mother's Day weekend, May 9 & 10, after all Masses*

Honor your Mom or another special person with a long-stemmed rose, orchid corsage or potted African violet.

Suggested Donations:

BirthRight Long-Stemmed Rose: \$5.00

Orchid Corsage: \$10.00

African Violet: \$9.00

Proceeds benefit MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life),  
Options for Women East and BirthRight of St. Paul.

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

—L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Avonlea*