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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.

MAY 10, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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:

Happy Mother's Day! We give thanks today for our mothers and for all women who provide a mothering presence in our world.

For our mothers. Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you do for your Church. Bless our mothers who have known the joys and sorrows of life. Strengthen them as you did the holy women of old: Sarah, Ruth, Rebecca, Anna and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Bless our mothers today, in this lifetime, with all that is good. Bless them with joy, love and laughter. Let them find delight in their children and surround them with good friends. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honor our mothers with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

For a mother who has died. Loving God, thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for the life of my mother and for all the years I enjoyed with her. I praise you that she stood with me through the good times and the bad times. I cherish the memories of the time we spent together. As she is now at rest with you in Heaven, I thank you for the hope of a future in your presence that we will share together forever. Amen.

For the mother I never knew. Loving God, I pray for my mother, whom I never had the chance to know on this earth. Though her face is unfamiliar, You know her and love her. I thank You for her life and that she gave life to me in this world. Comfort my heart as I navigate this unique grief on Mother's Day. Bless my mother today and always. Grant peace and comfort to all people experiencing grief. Amen. (Adapted from *Prayers for Use in Cases of Sudden and Unexpected Death*, churchofireland.org.)

Thank you to the Men's and Women's Clubs for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation dinner last Friday evening. It was a wonderful event and a great way to appreciate the volunteers of our parish.

New Pastoral Associate for Music hired. As I announced in last week's bulletin, 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 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 lives.

The purchase agreement for the sale of Ryan Field to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative has been extended to December 31, 2027. As I wrote in last week's bulletin, we were planning to finalize the sale of Ryan Field to Beacon by June 30, 2026. However, ongoing economic changes 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. In return for the extension of the purchase agreement, Beacon has paid a non-refundable earnest money amount to our parish. 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 —

Merrick Food Distribution

May Special Collection: May 16 & 17

One weekend only! For this month, we are asking parishioners to consider donating a package of diapers to distribute on Monday, May 18. *Limit one package per donation*; you can leave them in the donation closet area. Toddler-sized diapers have been the biggest need as identified during the past few distribution events.

Interested in volunteering on May 18?

We meet in Brioschi Hall and work in two groups. The first group gathers at 12:30 PM to unload the truck from Merrick Community Services, reflect and organize around 1:00 PM, and then pack the grocery bags. The second group meets at 3:15 PM to greet folks and distribute the food curbside in the large parking lot.

If you want to join the team on May 18 or have any questions, please reach out to Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com.

Care for Creation

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole... Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [Caritas in Veritate], nos. 48, 51)

Coming Soon: Archbishop Hebda's Letter to Families

As one of the key priorities coming out of our local Synod 2022—Parents as Primary Educators of their Children—Archbishop Bernard Hebda is releasing a letter not only to parents but to the entirety of this local church, encouraging families to bond together through both the struggles and joys of life. The public release of "Only One Thing Is Necessary: How Catholic Families Can Strive to Be United in This Life and the Next" is May 13, 2026, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Sign up to be among the first to receive the digital version at archspm.org/familyletter.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Eunice Winger

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

ST. PASCAL REGIONAL

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

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A Note from our Principal

This past week, we celebrated our incredible teachers and staff at St. Pascal Regional. Every day, they pour their hearts into our scholars, creating a school where children are known, challenged and loved. We are so grateful for the dedication, care and commitment they bring to our community.

We invite our families to join us in celebrating them. A simple note, drawing or message of appreciation can go a long way in making a teacher or staff member feel seen and valued. Your partnership and encouragement mean so much.

I also want to personally thank everyone who reached out with kind wishes on National School Principals' Day. It is truly an honor to serve as principal at St. Pascal Regional and to be part of such a strong and supportive community.

With gratitude,

Inna Collier Paske

We are hiring. Join our mission.

St. Pascal Regional is hiring for the 2026-27 school year. We have openings for K-8 teachers and an office manager. To learn more and apply, visit careers.archspm.org and search on "Ascension".

AROUND THE PARISH

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 (651.432.4962).

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Tuesday, May 12

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

1669 Arcade Street, St. Paul

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

The spring East Metro Grief Coalition Growing Through Loss series finishes Tuesday, May 12 with a Service of Remembrance with Rev. Ruthie Mhanga, pastor at Gustavus Adolphus. ALL are welcome and invited to bring a photo of their loved one(s) whom they grieve. Prayer begins at 6:30 PM followed by refreshments. Handouts & resources are available. You may attend any one or all the programs. Brochures are available in the kiosk. Contact Barb Uschold Anderson for more information at 651.432.4959.

FACILITIES UPDATE

The past year has seen significant improvements in several areas of our facilities. Here is a brief update:

1. The new retaining wall and fencing on the playground, installed last July/August, look great and have created a safer environment for both our schoolchildren and neighborhood children who use the playground.
2. Our roofing vendor, Anchor Roofing, has been busy this year. Standard maintenance on flashing and caulking has been done in numerous areas on the roof. We also dealt with a fairly significant problem with the roof over the gathering space, which was leaking. This was caused by water running down the sloped roof over the worship space and pooling on a flat roof before it could reach the drain. Snow would also drift in this area, exacerbating the problem. To solve this problem, Anchor has installed gutters and downspouts on much of the roof. We had a fairly strong series of storms this past week, and the gutters did their job well. We will need to plan to replace some of the older sections of the roof over the next 3 to 5 years.
3. Our Fund-a-Need this year had a goal of \$43,000 to help pay for badly needed repairs to a major plumbing artery in the school building and the installation/replacement of shutoff valves throughout the building. Thanks to the incredible generosity of St. Pascal's parishioners, we have surpassed our goal, and the plumbing work is scheduled for mid-June. Many thanks to the amazing people of St. Pascal Baylon parish.
4. For the past three years, we have been upgrading the toilets and sinks and replacing shutoff valves in school bathrooms. This work has included replacing toilets with industrial ADA-compliant models and installing motion detector faucets in the school bathrooms. The first-floor bathrooms were done in 2024; the second-floor bathrooms were done in 2025. Thanks to a disbursement from the St. Pascal's Men's Club, which financed this project from the beginning, we will do the third-floor bathrooms this June, along with replacing shutoff valves in staff bathrooms throughout the building. Thanks to the Men's Club for their support.
5. Finally, we will be doing some repair work on the sidewalk/apron leading to door 3 this summer, where a large area of the apron is badly cracked and needs to be replaced. This work is scheduled for June. We are also looking into patching and restriping the main parking lot. We are in the process of getting bids. We will then decide whether to do repair work this summer or hold off for a year or so and do a major repaving of the lot at that time.
6. The lights in the Founder's Room were retrofitted to LEDs during the first week of May. This completed the ongoing lighting project in the building.

We have parts of the building that are nearly 80 years old, others that are 50-60 years old, and even our newest addition is almost 25 years old. All things considered, the building is in good shape, but, as with any facility, the need for repair and replacement arises from time to time.

Thanks to all the members of St. Pascal Baylon for their ongoing and strong support of our work.

Mike Kelleher

Director of Facilities and Maintenance

Church of St. Pascal Baylon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, May 14

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, May 15

8:00 AM + Eileen Muetzel

Saturday, May 16

4:30 PM + Don Hensel

Sunday, May 17

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Generosa Limbag

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34 / Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Ps 113: 1-8 / Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18 / Ps 47:2-7 / Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28 / Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10 / Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

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

Mass Announcements

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

Parish Prayer Line

Mary Butler-Levine: 651.735.0004

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council: Anne Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council: Mike Aeling, Chair

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

After Masses Women's Club Plant Pickup: Brioschi Hall

After Masses MCCL Flower Sale: Gathering Space

Monday, May 11

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

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

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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: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Spirit Song Rehearsal: Church

Friday, May 15

9:30am Visitation for John Ryan

10:30am Funeral & Lunch for John Ryan

Saturday, May 16

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 17—The Ascension

Feast of Saint Pascal

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses New Parishioner Welcome: Founders Room

Monday, May 18

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4

5:30pm Piano Recital: Church

Tuesday, May 19

11:00am Parish office closed (staff lunch)

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Care for Creation Team: Staff Lounge

Wednesday, May 20

8:30am Rosary: Church

Thursday, May 21

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Old Church

Friday, May 22

10:00am Pentecost Decorating: Church

Saturday, May 23

11:00am Recital: Church

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday

No scheduled events

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 handicap accessible 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 (651.432.4959). Scholarships available.

"There is an eagle in me that wants to soar..."

—*The Complete Poems of Carl Sandburg*