



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.

MAY 17, 2026 | ASCENSION SUNDAY

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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

This weekend, we celebrate both the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and the Feast of St. Pascal Baylon, May 17. We can find encouragement to live as people of Ascension joy in the life of St. Pascal Baylon (1540-1592), who was born in Spain to a family of peasant farmers. He joined the Franciscan community of Loreto in eastern Spain and was given humble jobs including cook, gardener and porter. He carried out these ministries faithfully. He also revealed the love of God through his devotion to the Eucharist and through his many acts of kindness. To the poor and sick that came to the monastery, he showed himself to be patient, gentle and generous in distributing supplies that were at his disposal.

At their May 5, 2026, meeting, the Parish Pastoral Council discussed the following topics: The condition and usefulness of the existing outdoor church signs along Conway Street; ideas for updating the Parish Strategic Plan, A Roadmap for 2024.

Parish financials and facilities: Year-to-date income and expenses are tracking within 1-2% of budget. New gutters were installed on the steep church roof, which drains onto the flat roof above the Gathering Space. New gutters were also installed at Door 2, facing Conway Street, which should halt the discoloration of the building's brickwork and provide rain protection for the doorway intercom buzzer. An area of badly cracked concrete on the sidewalk/apron leading to Door 3 at the main entrance to the church is scheduled for repair in June.

Parish Activities Committee: The Spring Family Fiesta on Saturday, April 18, was a good event with energetic audience participation.

Liturgy/Choir: The choir wrapped up their rehearsals for the Spring season. The choir will sing at four weekend Masses in May. A farewell reception for Sharon will be held on Fellowship Weekend on May 16-17. A blessing will be given to Sharon at all Masses on the weekend of May 30-31. The new Pastoral Associate for Music, Emily Cicha, will meet a few times during May with Sharon to get familiar with the music and liturgy program here. Emily's first official day of work here is June 1.

Social Justice and Caring Committee: Our once/month food distribution ministry, through our partnership with Merrick Community Services, continues to see growing numbers of people seeking food assistance, and we see steady volunteer participation from parishioners. The once/week food distribution ministry at Progressive Baptist Church has seen growing numbers of people seeking help and a steady volunteer participation from parishioners from St. Pascal's. The Red Cross Blood Drive was held here on April 13, and we reached our blood donor and blood donation goals for the day.

Women's Club: They will conduct the Gertens Spring Plant Sale pickup on the weekend of May 9-10; they will discuss their yearly disbursements to parish groups and others during their May meeting.

Women's Club and Men's Club: They co-hosted the parish volunteer appreciation dinner on May 1, which went very well.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is June 2, 2026.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo for May 2026: *That everyone might have food.* Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

"Changes in lifestyle based on traditional moral virtues can ease the way to a sustainable and equitable world economy in which sacrifice will no longer be an unpopular concept. For many of us, a life less focused on material gain may remind us that we are more than what we have. Rejecting the false promises of excessive or conspicuous consumption can even allow more time for family, friends, and civic responsibilities. A renewed sense of sacrifice and restraint could make an essential contribution to addressing global climate change." (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good)

Weekly Rosary

Every Wednesday at 8:30 AM in the church
The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us to pray the Rosary together. All are welcome!

Anointing or Pastoral Visit?

If you or someone you know would like to be anointed or have a pastoral visit, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at barb.ua@stpascals.org (651.432.4959) and we'll set up a time.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

John Ryan

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.

ST. PASCAL REGIONAL

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL
 Phone: 651.776.0092 | Email: 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/.

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".

Join us at Culver's

May 19 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Culver's on Hudson Road
 We are hosting our final fundraiser of the year! A portion of the proceeds help to fund our middle school trip to Washington, D.C. We hope you'll join us!

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Disbursement Requests

Submit your request to the parish office by Friday, June 5, 2026, to be considered!

The St. Pascal's Women's Club will accept disbursement requests from parish groups for funding projects that can be completed between July 2026 and June 30, 2027. Forms are available in the parish office.

For questions or more information, please contact Barb Rueb at rueb33@gmail.com. Awards will be made at the June 14 meeting.

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. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Ludden directly at julianneludden@gmail.com.

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).

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.

Secure your spot by Monday, May 18!

Send in/drop off your payment of \$40 (cash/check) to the parish office. 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rainforest Falls: Explore the Nature of God

June 22-26, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Deadline to Register is Friday, May 22!

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 kiosks and on the parish website.

For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

Archbishop Hebda's Letter to Families Is Here!

We know family life can be messy—even Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived amid the harsh realities of their own time. And our Church wants to walk with you and your families through those struggles, joys and everything in between.

Read Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter to families, "Only One Thing is Necessary," available now at archspm.org/familyletter. Alongside it, find a Small Group Guide, podcast recordings in both English and Spanish, and a way to order your own hardbound keepsake version of the letter. *Copies are also available in the kiosk.*

It is Archbishop's deep desire that, in it, every individual in this Archdiocese will see his or her role in the great task at hand, what's at stake, and how we can all strive to be united with our families and with each other, in this life and the next. Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—pray for us.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers on Mother's Day. We raised \$760.00 for life affirming organizations: \$214 went to MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life), \$171.00 to Options for Women East and \$375.00 to BirthRight of St. Paul. A special thanks to the volunteers who helped make this sale possible.

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)

Loan Balance	\$ 2,215,282.33
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
Reserve Balance	\$ 97,878.19
Months of payment	5

Thank you for your support!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 AM + Fr. Mike Byron

Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM + Fr. George Graftsky

Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Alberto Estrada

Saturday, May 23

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, May 24

8:45 AM + Ed and + Peg Monn

10:30 AM + Nick Jellinek

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sunday (The Ascension of the Lord):

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

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7ab / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27 / Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b / Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Ps 114:5, 7 / Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday):

Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

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 17—Ascension Sunday

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 Piano Recital: Church

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday

No scheduled events

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Parish office closed

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, May 26

9:00am Summer Decorating: Church

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

Wednesday, May 27

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir Social: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, May 28

4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

Friday, May 29

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 30

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 31—Trinity Sunday

No scheduled events

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

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.

Make St. Pascal's an important part of your legacy by remembering St. Pascal's in your estate plan. 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.