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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.

AUGUST 16, 2026 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Closed Friday through August 28
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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:

Would you like to officially register as a member of St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church? It is easy. You can register in a number of ways:

- Complete the online form at stpascals.org/join, or
- Download a paper form by clicking on "paper form" at stpascals.org/join and return it to the parish office, or
- Contact Thea Munoz at the parish office at thea.munoz@stpascals.org (651.774.1585) to have a registration form sent to you.

Parish Lending Library. You are invited to enjoy browsing the parish book collection located on the bookshelves in the Gathering Space. The procedure to "check out" and "return" materials is found on the bookshelves of the library. The collection includes more than 200 titles for children, teens, and adults. We also have a selection of DVD movies depicting various saints in the Church and other theological topics. You can review a list of all the items in the Lending Library on the parish website under the "Church" drop down menu, and then click on "Parish Lending Library".

Did you know our parish has two E-newsletters?

To subscribe, go to stpascals.org/e-newsletter and fill in your contact information or call the parish office (651.774.1585).

Pascal's Pulse Weekly E-Newsletter. Get the latest news, a weekly joke, trivia questions and event reminders delivered every Thursday to your email inbox. We will also send important announcements such as unexpected building closures and snow emergencies that impact weekend Masses.

Funeral Notifications. When directed by the family of the deceased, we will send an email notification of the Funeral Mass date and time to subscribers.

I am looking forward to this weekend's Minnesota Twins game on Sunday, August 16 at 1:10 PM versus the Philadelphia Phillies. The Twins gifted us 150 complimentary tickets for the August 16 game which sold out quickly to parishioners, families and friends—especially when people heard that Sharon Balcom, our retired and former Director of Music, is throwing out the First Pitch at the game. It will be a fun day at Target Field!

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo for August 2026: *For evangelization in the city.*

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School—An Ascension Academy School Enroll For 2026-27

Families can enroll or re-enroll their children at stpascalschool.org/enroll/.

We are hiring. Join our mission.

We have various openings, including a 5th grade teacher position and Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) teachers. See details and apply at careers.archspm.com. Search on "Ascension". Please share this information with friends and family. Some of the best people we hire are referred to us.

Save the Date: Swing for Scholars—Tuesday, October 13, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM

Join us for our Swing for Scholars event at Topgolf! Enjoy an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship—all while making a meaningful impact. Support our scholars while learning how Ascension Catholic Academy's four schools, including St. Pascal Regional, are transforming lives. You won't want to miss it! Register at acamn.org/home/swing-for-scholars-rsvp/

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Donation Closet: August 2026

Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf

During the month of August, canned goods will be collected for Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist. Items needed:

- Chili
- Tuna
- Chicken
- Soup

IMPORTANT: Please check expiration dates and only donate items that are not expired in consideration of those who will receive the food. Food will be collected through August 30 and can be placed in the donation closet off the coat room. *Thank you to all who contributed to the Merrick Community Services Backpack Drive during July.*

Faithful Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching

This fall a four-week series will be held at St. Pascal's exploring the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can be applied to thoughtful voting. The sessions will take place on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall beginning September 14. Sessions will include prayer, video reflections, and small group conversation. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

Mark your calendars!

Fall Festival is Sunday, September 27, from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

All your favorites are back: Our delicious homemade Lasagna dinner (available for dine-in or take-out), the Sweet Shop, and the Craft and Jewelry Boutiques. Don't forget bingo and have fun at the new children's activities—then take a chance on winning your favorite Theme Basket or big money at the Cash Raffle!

Theme Baskets: If you want to create a Theme Basket or have a basket to donate, contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or carla.hibbison@gmail.com

Craft Boutique: If you have handmade craft items to share, contact Sue Kubiak at 651.771.9085 or suekubiak@gmail.com.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Ronald Reimann

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 AM + George Leier

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 AM + Francisco & +Dionesia Ricalde

Thursday, August 20

8:00 AM Richard Arnebeck

Friday, August 21

8:00 AM + Steve & +Kathy Bauer

Saturday, August 22

4:30 PM + Don Hensel

Sunday, August 23

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Tom Bertini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7 / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23 / (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 / Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10 / (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b / Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28 / Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 / Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14 / Ps 107:2-9 / Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ez 43:1-7ab / Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 / Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23 / Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

GOOD TO KNOW

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: Jeanne Brino, Chair

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, August 16

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Monday, August 17

No scheduled events

Tuesday, August 18

6:30pm Capital Campaign Team: Founders Room

Wednesday, August 19

8:30am Rosary: Church

Thursday, August 20

No scheduled events

Friday, August 21

Parish office closed

Saturday, August 22

2:00pm Baptism (Kurysh family): Church

Sunday, August 23

No scheduled events

Monday, August 24

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4

Tuesday, August 25

6:30pm Capital Campaign Team: Founders Room

Wednesday, August 26

8:30am Rosary: Church

Thursday, August 27

6:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

Friday, August 28

Parish office closed

Saturday, August 29

No scheduled events

Sunday, August 30

No scheduled events

Stewardship of Giving

Reconciled Financials for Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

Current Sunday Giving (as of June 30)

Giving	\$ 137,166.32	YTG Giving	\$ 877,089.14
Budget	\$ 66,559.09	YTD Budget	\$ 831,708.75
+/-	\$ +70,607.23	YTD +/-	\$ +45,380.39

Mortgage Reduction (as of June 30)

Loan Balance	\$ 2,201,552.91
Principal	\$ 4,742.19
Interest	\$ <u>13,934.95</u>
Payment	\$ 18,677.14

Mortgage Reserve (as of 06/30/26)

Balance	\$ 114,134.59
YTD Donations	\$ 247,851.35
YTD Payment	\$ <u>224,125.68</u>
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 23,725.67
months of payment	6

Thank you for your support!

St. Pascal 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. If you want 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.

Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are "brothers and sisters all."¹

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"The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society."
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Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity”
Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person*, always and everywhere.”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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- 1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), no. 8.
- 2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), no. 45.
- 3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.
- 4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.
- 5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), no. 56.
- 6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.
- 7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.
- 8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), no. 53.
- 9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.
- 10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.
- 11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.