



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.

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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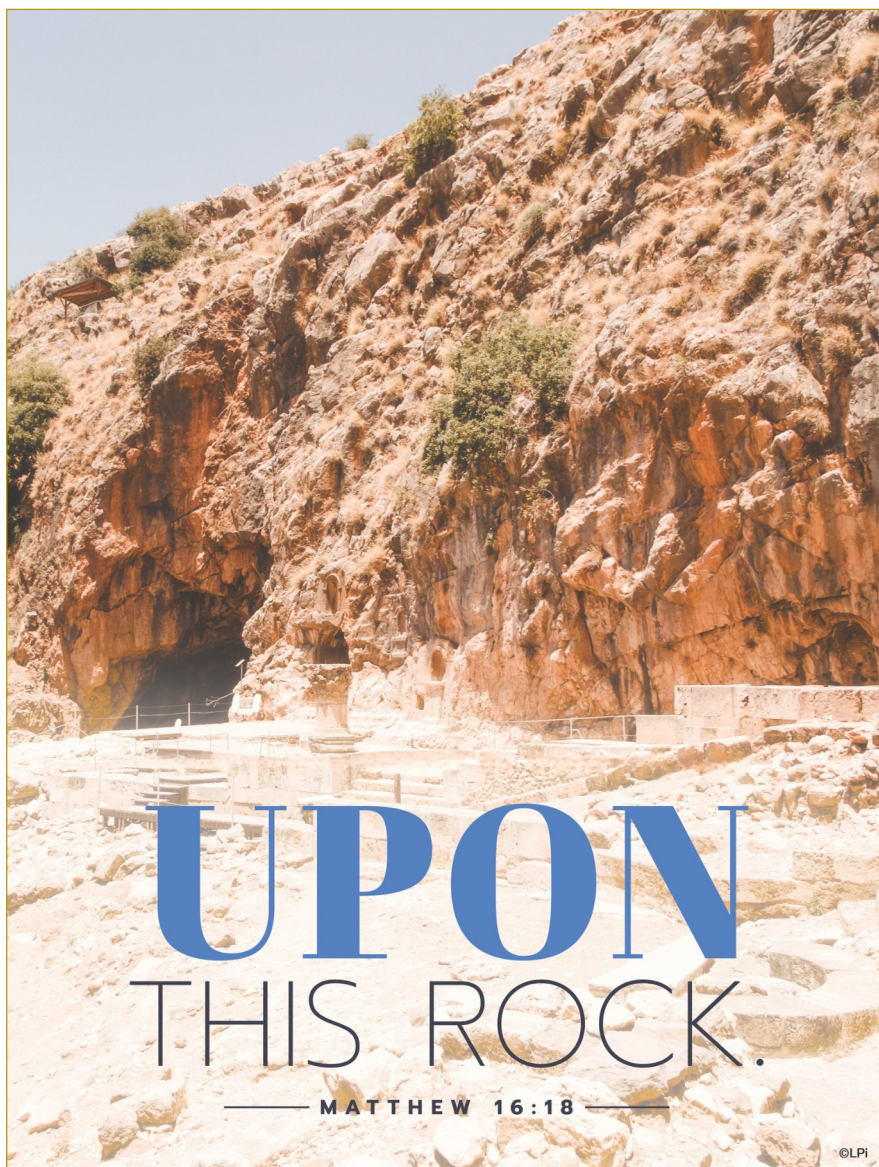
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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Closed Friday through August 28
Holiday hours as announced

After-hours pastoral emergency:
651.774.1585 and dial 1.



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:

We will continue to offer Small Groups during 2026-27. Small groups are groups of 6-10 people who meet weekly for 60-90 minutes to discuss their faith and their lives. Some groups meet during Lent, and other groups meet more frequently throughout the year. Groups can meet in the morning, afternoon or evening. Groups usually meet here on our campus. The goal of small groups is to help people grow in intimacy with the Lord, grow in love for their neighbor, share Jesus with others in our daily lives by word and deed, give and receive support, and deepen our identity as Catholic Christians. Small groups help to make St. Pascal's a stronger, more vibrant faith-filled community. If you have not been in a small group at St. Pascal's before now, that is OK. You are welcome to join now or in the future. Small groups are led by people from our parish who have been trained and formed for this role. Each small group has a similar format of prayer, personal sharing, teaching and discussion. The content of the teaching may come from Scripture, a church document, a letter or other writing from a Pope, or a recommendation from our Faith Formation Department. Whether you are new to small groups or a returning member, please sign up when the time comes. We will make every effort to accommodate requests to be placed in a group of individuals, couples, or those who share a common interest in a subject such as social justice, the Mass, prayer, evangelization, Scripture, etc. You are welcome to sign up as an individual, as a couple, or as an identified group of up to six people. Watch for more details in the coming weeks about signing up for a small group. You may also contact Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org with any questions.

We had a great time at last Sunday's Minnesota Twins game. The Twins gifted us 150 complimentary tickets for the August 16 game, and parishioners, families and friends enjoyed a beautiful day at the ballpark. We also saw Sharon Balcom, our retired Pastoral Associate for Music, throw out the first pitch. She came onto the field with her family members, took the baseball in hand, performed a few choir-directing motions with her arms, and then threw a fabulous pitch. Hmmm, maybe the Twins could find a place for Sharon on their roster.

Ars Celebrandi (The Art of Celebrating) Workshop: Saturday, October 17, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, 1414 Dale St. N., St. Paul. All parish liturgical ministers are invited to this workshop to better understand what the art of celebrating means. The day begins with Mass with Bishop Izen, followed by a keynote address from Dr. Johan van Parys titled "Ars Celebrandi: On Becoming the Body of Christ." The keynote address will describe how gestures, symbols, music, silence, incense, water, oil, bread, wine and the liturgy engage our senses and draw us into an encounter with the living God. You will hear how the Church's sacramental life opens our minds, hearts, and souls to the real presence of Christ in our midst. You are welcome to attend all or part of the workshop. Please register by October 1 at archspm.org/events/ars-celebrandi-workshop/.

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

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 or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

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 kim.roering@stpascals.org (651.432.4958).

Day Trip to New Ulm with VIPs

Wednesday, September 23 at 8:30 AM

Join us, the VIPs, when we visit New Ulm! Bring yourself and invite family or friends to join you. We'll board the coach bus by 8:30 AM and be home about 5:00 PM.

This "Oktoberfest-like" Day Trip includes lunch, a Schell brewery tour (with souvenir glass and tastings), plus a visit to Holy Spirit Cathedral and the historic "Way of the Cross". (NOTE: The coach bus is not ADA and not all locations and activities are fully accessible.)

Your RSVP and \$55 activity fee are due by *Wednesday, September 9* to secure your spot for this beautiful day out with VIPs—Very Important Pascalites/55+!

Sign up and pay on SignUpGenius or reach out to Barb Uschold Anderson (checks payable to St. Pascal's). *Space is limited.*

For more information, contact Barb at 651.432.4959 or barb.ua@stpascals.org.

A New Choir Year Is Set to Begin

First rehearsal: *Wednesday, September 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM*

St. Pascal's music ministry invites you to take your place in the choir. Studies say that singing together is good for the human spirit—grow your voice, your ministry, and be a part of a delightful group of women and men.

We rehearse every Wednesday and sing at Mass approximately twice each month. If you have any questions or have been thinking about joining the choir, please give Emily a call at 651.432.4956.

No audition necessary.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Brian Ruhland

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 25

8:00 AM + Edward Graw

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, August 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, August 28

8:00 AM + Ed & +John Williams

Saturday, August 29

4:30 PM + Jerome Giesenhoff

Sunday, August 30

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Susan Calubayan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14 / Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 / Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Ps 96:10-13 / Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 / Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9 / Ps 145:2-7 / Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 / Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31 / Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 / Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9 / Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

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 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

ST. PASCAL REGIONAL AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL

Families: Enroll For 2026-27

Enroll or re-enroll your children at stpascalschool.org/enroll/.

We are hiring. Join our mission.

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.

Meet Vanessa Alfaro, School Operations Manager

My name is Vanessa Alfaro. I was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and come from a family of eight. My parents are originally from El Salvador. I am fluent in both English and Spanish. I was fortunate to receive a good Catholic education for nine years. I attended Cretin-Derham Hall High School. I graduated from the University of St. Thomas, where I received degrees in Psychology and Catholic Studies along with a minor in Family Studies. Through my studies, I have been able to develop a deeper understanding of the importance of faith and community. In my free time, I enjoy playing pickleball, going for walks, biking, and I also love to sing and dance. Fun fact: I attended St. Pascal's during my 8th grade year in 2015-16. I am excited to be back and now a part of the staff community. I look forward to connecting with all the school families.

Stewardship of Giving

Reconciled Financials for Fiscal Year July 2026 - June 2027

Giving	\$ 39,878.10	YTG Giving	\$ 39,878.10
Budget	\$ <u>66,816.67</u>	YTD Budget	\$ <u>66,816.67</u>
+/-	\$ -26,938.57	YTD +/-	\$ -26,938.57

Mortgage Reduction (as of July 31)

Loan Balance	\$ 2,194,617.39
Principal	\$ 6,935.53
Interest	\$ <u>11,741.61</u>
Payment	\$ 18,677.14

Mortgage Reserve (as of 06/30/26)

Balance	\$ 108,687.24
YTD Donations	\$ 13,139.43
YTD Payment	\$ <u>18,677.14</u>
+/-	\$ -5,537.71

months of payment: 6

Thank you for your support!

The Common Good



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 **Common Good**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The Common Good is "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."¹ Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency.

Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, to the larger society, and to the earth.²

★ In short, we should seek "to build that kind of society where it is easier for people to be good."³

In the midst of a "throwaway world" in which some members of the human family "can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence," Pope Francis urges us to build a "culture of encounter" in which those most in need receive our greatest concern and attention. We must "place at the center of all political, social and economic activity the human person, who enjoys the highest dignity, and respect for the common good."⁴

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As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan, who was neighbor to all, we pursue the Common Good in order that every individual and all people can flourish.⁵

- Marriage and the family are the central institutions of social life – the primary

school of virtue, where we first experience common rather than merely individual goods – and so these institutions should be supported and strengthened.

- Likewise, as one human family dwelling in our common home, we must hear “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” and respond to climate change with actions to better protect creation for our brothers and sisters now and in generations to come.⁶
- Accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father, and as our common home includes accepting our bodies as God’s gift, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation.⁷
- We recognize and protect the right to religious liberty, our first and most cherished freedom. The protection of conscience and religious liberty is an indispensable element of the common good – a fundamental human right that knows no geographical boundaries.⁸
- While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve special concern, which the Church describes as the *preferential option for the poor*.⁹ Laws and policies must prioritize those who struggle to make ends meet and must preserve the social safety net and promote decent jobs, affordable housing, and childcare.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*): “To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.” We must be attentive to the

common good “juridically, civilly, politically and culturally” in the life of society. “The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors,” he writes, “the more effectively we love them.”¹⁰

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 Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1906, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

2 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 49, 51.

3 Peter Maurin, as quoted by Dorothy Day. See *All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day* (New York: Random House, 2010), 457.

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), nos. 18 and 232.

5 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 66.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, nos. 58 and 60.

7 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 155.

8 St. Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis Humanae* (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*), no. 6; Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1907, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

9 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no 53.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 7.

ST. PASCAL BAYLON FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Fall Festival Planning is in Full Force!

The festival will serve a delicious homemade Lasagna dinner (your choice of Traditional, Chicken Alfredo, or Cheese) with salad, green beans, and bread for only \$12! Available for dine-in or take-out. Pie, cake, and other desserts will be available for purchase from the Sweet Shop.

THEME BASKETS: Don't have a basket? No worries! Pick a theme, gather the items in a grocery bag, and leave the bag in the Donation Closet. Let us make the basket for you! Contact Carla Hibbison at carla.hibbison@gmail.com or 651.900.3180 if you have questions.

CRAFT BOUTIQUE: Donate one or more hand-made items, which will be sold to Festival attendees. All proceeds go to the parish. Questions? Contact Sue Kubiak at suekubiak@gmail.com or 651.771.9085.

JEWELRY BOUTIQUE: Donate your gently used earrings, bracelets, and necklaces to the festival. Leave them in the basket in the Donation Closet.





A PATHWAY TO TEACHING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

EARN YOUR DEGREE. PURSUE YOUR VOCATION. BECOME A LICENSED TEACHER.

The Drexel Catholic Teacher Academy is an exciting new opportunity designed to help parish members, school staff and other Catholic school community members pursue their calling to teach in Catholic Schools. This initiative with the University of St. Thomas is designed to help aspiring educators complete their bachelor's degree and become licensed teachers serving in our community's Catholic schools. The program offers generous financial support and individualized assistance. Recipients of the award will receive a living stipend and scholarships during the program and commit to teaching in Catholic Schools for a minimum of three years. Approximately 90% of tuition and fees will be covered by a combination of scholarships and grants.

Who This Program Is For:

This program is built for parish members and school staff who feel called to teaching and are ready to take the next step toward making a meaningful difference in the lives of students. It combines coursework, hands-on experience and personalized guidance to support both your professional preparation and your sense of purpose in the classroom.

What You Can Expect:

- Paid, hands-on classroom experience in a Catholic school
- A living stipend and scholarships to reduce financial barriers
- A clear pathway from associate's degree to bachelor's degree and licensure
- Support from faculty, mentor teachers and instructional coaches
- A cohort experience that builds community, confidence and a shared sense of purpose

To Be Eligible:

- You must have completed an associate's degree or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) OR
- Be within four to five courses of completing your associate's degree. St. Thomas offers assistance with transcript review and MnTC assessment at no cost to applicants.

Program Structure:

- YEAR 1: Three days per week in a classroom alongside a licensed teacher and two days in coursework
- YEAR 2: Four days per week in the classroom and one day in coursework
- Ongoing coaching and support throughout the program
- This model allows you to learn on the job while growing into your role as an educator.

Why This Program:

- Earn while you learn through real classroom experience
- Turn existing college credits into a teaching license
- Answer a calling to serve students, families, and communities through teaching



Key Dates:

- **ASAP**
Complete the Interest Survey using the QR code below.
- **SEPTEMBER 15 @ 4 PM**
SEPTEMBER 24 @ 5 PM
OCTOBER 5 @ 4 PM
OCTOBER 26 @ 5 PM
Attend a virtual information session:
<https://stthomas.zoom.us/j/7017029748>
- **SPRING 2027**
First cohort of students begins

Scan the QR code
to complete the
Interest Survey

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