



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 already 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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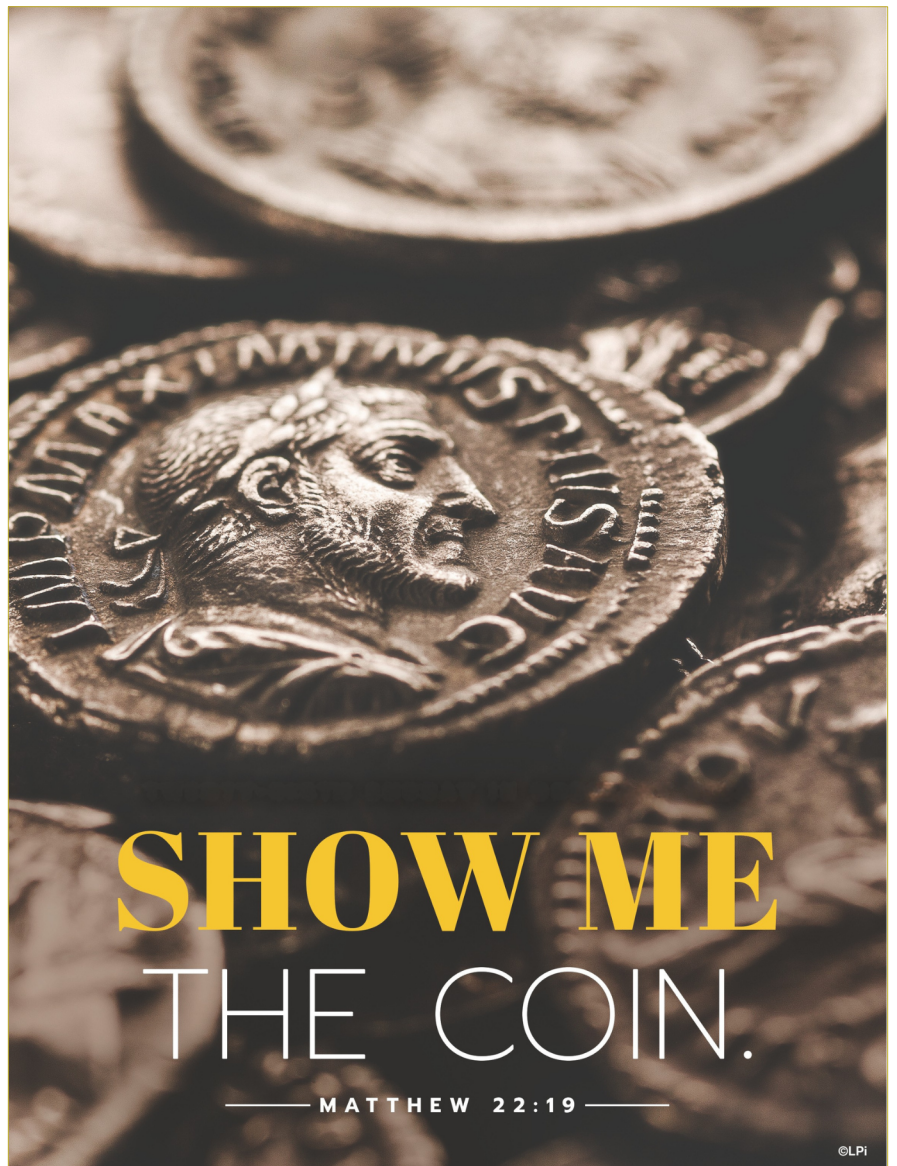
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

After-hours pastoral emergency:
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 are tracking our weekend Mass attendance during October for statistical reports that we send annually to the Vatican, the Official Catholic Directory and the Archdiocese. Here are the weekend totals so far:

October 2026 Weekend Mass Attendance	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:45 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Total
October 3-4	149	173	135	457
October 10-11	121	160	199	480
October 17-18				
October 24-25				

Novena for Faithful Citizenship. This weekend, we have a bulletin insert with the Novena for Faithful Citizenship (also found online at: uscgb.org/prayers/novena-faithful-citizenship). The bulletin insert has Scripture references for each day's short reading which you can look up in your Bible. There are also booklet versions of the Novena in the kiosk in the Gathering Space which have the Scripture readings already printed in them if you prefer that option. I invite you to pray the 9-day novena starting on Monday, October 26 and ending on Tuesday, November 3, which is Election Day. The novena takes about 10 minutes to pray each day. The purpose of the novena is to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to promote peace and justice, and to see the face of Christ in others during times of political division. Each day includes an opening prayer, a Scripture reading, a personal reflection question, a daily prayer, and a concluding novena prayer.

Day 1 (Oct. 26): Focuses on God's creation and human dignity.

Day 2 (Oct. 27): Focuses on serving and securing justice for the oppressed.

Day 3 (Oct. 28): Focuses on healing community wounds and acting with light.

Days 4-7 (Oct. 29 – Nov. 1): Explores themes of love for neighbor, reconciliation, and building the common good.

Day 8 (Nov. 2): Focuses on peace and security through justice.

Day 9 (Nov. 3): Focuses on being "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" through good deeds.

Across the nine days, the prayers and reflections emphasize:

- **Human Dignity:** Recognizing every person—from the unborn to the elderly and marginalized—as made in God's image.
- **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:** Seeking justice for the oppressed, hungry, and forgotten.
- **The Common Good & Solidarity:** Moving past individual or partisan interests to build a more just society.
- **Conscience Formation:** Asking God for wisdom and discernment when making choices in the public square.

Prayer Intention for October 2026: For Mental Health Ministry. Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illnesses.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

WE CARE CAMPAIGN

On the weekend of *October 24 - 25, 2026*, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next We Care Campaign. This time, only one option has been chosen by the committee for its fall Campaign:

Option 1: Progressive Center for Education and Economic Development (PROCEED) Foundation Family Enrichment Center

The PROCEED Foundation was established in 1995. It is rooted in the east side of St. Paul and is in partnership with the parish's neighbor, Progressive Baptist Church. Its outreach efforts include civic and community engagement, education, employment, health and youth enrichment.

The Family Enrichment Center is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2027. It will be a year-round hub designed to house the church's Fishes & Loaves food shelf and will provide after school programming, career readiness, family support, health and wellness services, a mentorship program, Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics education and workforce development under one roof on the campus of Progressive Baptist.

The center will be a welcoming space where individuals and families can access the resources they need to grow, lean and thrive and create a stronger, healthier and more connected east side community.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish or those found on the tables located near the entrances to the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into our community of faith...

Mae Sara Yager
child of Will and Rose

who was recently baptized in our church
May God bless this household of faith.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers...

Chris and Scot Gamradt

who were recently buried from our church.
We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends and pray for their souls' eternal peace.

ST. PASCAL REGIONAL

AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL
651.776.0092 | office@stpascalschool.org

Join Us at Culver's on Old Hudson Road

Monday, October 26 from 5:00-7:00 PM

Please join us for dinner! Ten percent of the proceeds go to help fund our 2027 trip to Washington, D.C.

Become a Catholic School Teacher

The Drexel Catholic Teacher Academy is a partnership between the University of St. Thomas, Drexel Mission Schools, and community college partners. It creates a clear pathway to a bachelor's degree and a Minnesota teaching license, with paid, hands-on experience in Drexel Mission Schools along the way. Scholarships, mentoring, and academic advising help remove the barriers that keep talented people out of the classroom. Learn more at our info session on *Monday, October 26 at 5:00 PM*. To register, contact Erin Nemetz, Director, Drexel Catholic Teacher Academy, at erin.nemetz@stthomas.edu.

Remembrance Weekend: November 7 & 8

November is the month of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when the Church prays for all who have died. At all Masses on the weekend of November 7 & 8, we will remember and name our beloved dead who were buried from St. Pascal's during the past year.

Remembrance Evening Prayer--Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 PM

Please join the entire community for this special time of sung prayer, remembrance, and hope. We will remember all our beloved dead, and in a special way, we will name any friend or family member who has died in recent years. If you would like to include your loved one's name, contact Barb Uschold Anderson at barb.ua@stpascals.org (651.432.4959) to leave the name you would like remembered. *The Remembrance Evening will be livestreamed on the parish YouTube channel.*

Pre-Baptism Session

Monday, November 9 at 6:30 PM

Parents interested in having their child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in a formation session prior to baptism. Pre-registration is required. To register for the November 9 session, or for more information about baptism at St. Pascal's, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Burial Service: Bringing Them Home

Catholic Cemeteries is offering an opportunity for individuals in the Twin Cities whose loved ones' cremated remains have been kept at home for five years or more to provide them with a permanent resting place. Cremated remains may be placed in a communal crypt in the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights or Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope. A committal service will be held November 2 at 10:00 AM at both locations.

Cost: \$250.00 per burial of cremated remains

Deadline: *Monday, October 26*. Urns must be received by this date.

Give your loved one a dignified resting place and find comfort in a place of healing and remembrance as we await the Resurrection. To learn more and sign-up, call 651.228.9991 or email info@catholic-cemeteries.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING COMMITTEE

Monthly Food Distribution

St. Pascal Baylon Church & Merrick Community Services

Monday, October 26, 2026, from 3:30-5:00 PM (or until gone)

If you, your family, or any neighbors you know need emergency food, all are welcome to come to the Flandrau parking lot at Door 4 to receive a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

Interested in volunteering on October 26?

We meet in Brioschi Hall and work in two groups. The first group gathers at 12:00 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 or have any questions, please reach out to Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com.

Another way to help: Donate money

Just as your grocery bills have increased, so have the costs for our partners at Merrick Community Services and Second Harvest. By working together, St. Pascal's can offset the cost of our monthly order from Merrick. Please consider a donation, as every dollar counts in the battle against food insecurity! Donate online at stpascals.org/give.

Bags Needed

Do you have extra paper and plastic grocery bags laying around? Donate them for use at the Merrick/St. Pascal's Food Distribution and Progressive Baptist. Bags can be left in the donation closet.

Fall Blood Drive

Monday, November 2 in Brioschi Hall

Would you like the chance to save a life? Participate in the blood drive being held at Saint Pascal's. Appointments are available from 1:30 to 6:45 PM. Call Margaret Malec at 651.735.4701 to set up an appointment or go to [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

Donation Closet

October: Options for Women East

October is Pro-life Month. Options for Women East helps women with unexpected pregnancies by providing services at no-cost in a judgment-free, compassionate, and yet medically competent environment. In keeping with the pro-life teachings of our Church, that help extends well beyond a child's birth to age 3. During October, we will collect items that are much needed by moms during the first years of their children's lives. Most needed items include:

- Diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7)
- Baby wipes
- New infant clothing (sizes 0-24 mos.)
- Infant toiletries (baby wash, shampoo, lotion)
- Baby blankets
- Newborn car seats, especially Graco brand
- Check out the Amazon wish list for Options for Women East at <https://a.co/0xJS869>.

Items can be left in the donation closet through October 25.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 AM +Joanie Peters

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, October 22

8:00 AM +Joel Monpetit

Friday, October 23

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, October 24

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, October 25

8:45 AM +Carolyn Kazda

10:30 AM +Don Hensel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6 / Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Eph 2:12-22 / Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 / Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Eph 3:2-12 / (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6 / Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Eph 4:1-6 / Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 / Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16 / Ps 122:1-5 / Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26 / Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40

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, October 18—Anointing Weekend

After Masses Campaign Visits: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Pumpkin Bingo Sign Up: Gathering Space

After Masses Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

After Masses New Parishioner Welcome: Founders Room

Monday, October 19

No scheduled events

Tuesday, October 20

9:30am Visitation for Joan Shanley: Chapel, Gathering Space

10:30am Funeral & Lunch for Joan Shanley: Church, Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Capital Campaign Team: Room 1

Wednesday, October 21

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, October 22

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Old Church

6:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

Friday, October 23

6:30pm Pumpkin Bingo: Brioschi Hall

Saturday, October 24—We Care Campaign

2:00pm Baptism (Peterson Family): Church

After Mass Campaign Visits: Brioschi Hall, Founders Room

After Mass Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

After Mass Women's Club Craft Supply Collection: Gathering Space

Sunday, October 25—We Care Campaign

After Masses Campaign Visits: Brioschi Hall, Founders Room

After Masses Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

After Masses Women's Club Craft Supply Collection: Gathering Space

Monday, October 26

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Door 4

Tuesday, October 27

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Old Church

7:00pm Parish-wide Capital Campaign Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, October 28

8:30am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, October 29

9:30am Visitation for Dianne Mitzuk: Chapel, Gathering Space

10:30am Funeral & Lunch for Dianne Mitzuk: Church, Brioschi Hall

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, October 30

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 31

After Mass Campaign Visits: Brioschi Hall, Founders Room

After Mass Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Day

After Masses Campaign Visits: Brioschi Hall, Founders Room

After Masses Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Veteran's Day Event—Wednesday, November 11

Sponsor a Veteran and/or purchase a meal to join us as we honor our heroes! Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses. Veterans are always free! We hope to see you there!



Craft SUPPLY COLLECTION



OCTOBER 24

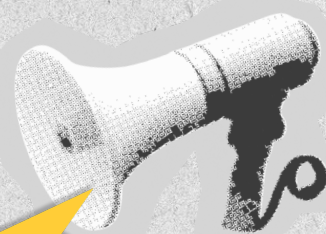
NOVEMBER 1

Do you have leftover craft supplies (yarn, fabric, needlework, paper crafting, etc.) or any unfinished craft projects?

Leave them in the drop off bin in the Gathering Space after all Masses. The donated supplies will be available at the Women's Club Crafter's Social on November 7 and after Masses November 14/15.

CONTACT: Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com (651.734.8937).

Crafter's' SOCIAL



Ready
to
create?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9 - 11 AM

BRIOSCHI HALL

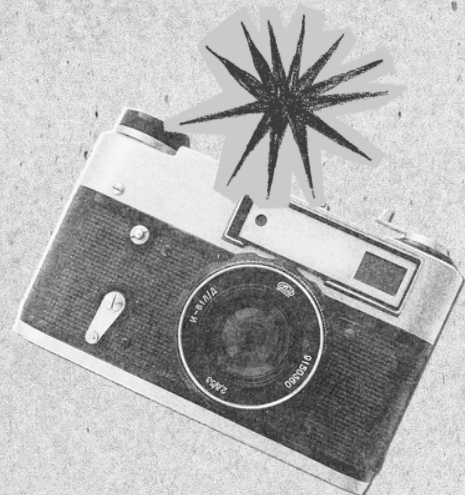
OPEN TO EVERYONE



All ages are invited to our Crafter's Social! This is a very informal group... come for all or just part of the time. Bring a project to work on and join us for lively conversation and refreshments.

We will also have plenty of FREE craft supplies that need new homes!

CONTACT: Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com (651.734.8937).



NOVENA FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

This novena comes from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It can be found on their website at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/novena-faithful-citizenship>. The text is taken directly from the website.

*The opening prayer and the novena prayer are the same for all days.
Begin each day with the opening prayer and close with the novena prayer.*

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Novena Prayer

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil,
which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today,
and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world
and seem to block the paths toward the future.
From famine and war, deliver us.
From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.
From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.
From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.
From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.
From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.
From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.
From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.
Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings,
laden with the sufferings of whole societies.
Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin:
individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.
Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption:
the power of merciful love.
May it put a stop to evil.
May it transform consciences.
May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen.
-St. John Paul II

FIRST DAY

Reading Ps 8:2, 4-10
Reflection How will I praise God today? How will I show respect for others, especially my neighbor or those in my community who are not like me?
Prayer God of love, may we grow in our love for you by respecting the dignity of all people we encounter. Amen.

SECOND DAY

Reading Ps 146:1-8
Reflection Who are the oppressed in your community? How am I helping them secure justice? How am I helping to feed and give sight to those most in need?
Prayer God of Jacob, strengthen our hope in the Lord. Help us to keep the faith by striving for justice in our land. Give us hearts, hands, and feet to truly reach out to those in need. Amen.

THIRD DAY

Reading Is 58:2-3, 6-8

Reflection What actions do I perform to please God? How am I healing the wounds of my community?

Prayer God of light, give us the freedom to walk in the footprints of your Son, Jesus. Let our light shine out for all to see by turning to those who call for our help. Heal our wounds, heal our community. Amen.

FOURTH DAY

Reading Deut 30:15-20

Reflection How do I defend the right to life especially of the unborn and those near death? How am I tempted to turn away from the commandments and not support the right to life of all people? How can I overcome that temptation?

Prayer God of life, may we protect and defend the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death with strong voices, gentle hands, and loving hearts. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

Reading 1 Cor 11:26-29

Reflection How is the Eucharist central in my life? My community?
Where do I reach out to the body of Christ in my community?

Prayer Lord, we come together at the Eucharist to celebrate your death and resurrection. Help us experience authentic worship. Help us grow in awareness of each person's dignity, and increase our sensitivity to injustices. Guide us to seek ways to redress them. Amen.

SIXTH DAY

Reading Mt 5:43-46

Reflection Who do I disagree with? How do I love them? How do I live up to the definition Jesus provides for living a Christian lifestyle, a life of Christian love?

Prayer God of peace, give us the courage to be reconciled with our neighbors. Give us the vision to truly see what it means to be a Christian so that peace and justice may rule in our world. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Reflection What divisions exist in my community? What structures in society seem unjust?
How am I striving to achieve justice and peace in my neighborhood, church, and nation?

Prayer God of justice, we are created in your image. May we glorify you in all of our actions. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

Reading Is 32:15-18

Reflection How do I recognize the Spirit's involvement in my life in the community?

Prayer Spirit of God, fill our hearts with peace so that we may bring peace to our community. Amen.

NINTH DAY

Reading Mt 5:13-16

Reflection How are you salt for your community? How do I shine your light for all the community to see?
What deeds am I performing in order to glorify God?

Prayer Lord Jesus, you give us your love and your grace to do great things. Give us the faith to shine our light by walking humbly and acting justly before our God. Amen.



*Lord, Renew
Your Church*

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of 10/14/26

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our community, St. Pascal Baylon has received \$966,725 in pledges toward our \$1,075,000 goal. That means we've reached 90% of our target! We are profoundly grateful to all who have already supported this effort.

All parishioners should receive their campaign materials either from a volunteer or in the mail by the week of October 19th. If you have not received any materials by then please contact the parish office.

**PARISH GOAL:
\$1,075,000**

**\$966,725
PLEGGED TO DATE**



JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH RECEPTION!

Please join Fr. John and your fellow parishioners at our upcoming reception for the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign on Tuesday October 27th at 7pm in Brioschi Hall. We will be gathering to hear Fr. John talk about the campaign, ask questions, and discover how you can contribute to the future of our parish. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please use the QR code to RSVP or contact our campaign director Kolbey at kbormann@ccsfundraising.com.

