



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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May 5, 2024

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Darryl Graf

#### Tuesday, May 7, 2024

5:30 p.m. + Les Hirschuber

#### Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Joe & + Luella Bakewell and Family

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 5

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch  
**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Choir: Deacon  
**Gift Bearers:** Nicole & Brent Carlon Family  
**Servers:** John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer  
**Rosary:** Joe Blahnik  
**Children's Lectionary:** Aleigha Burg  
**Counters:** Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 12

**Announcer/Lector:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Ushers:** Dan Boser & Nick Serres  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Choir: Deacon  
**Gift Bearers:** Teresa & Steve Colsch Family  
**Servers:** Sabrina TenKley & Adeline Colsch  
**Rosary:** Frank Dvorak  
**Children's Lectionary:** Heidi Grams  
**Counters:** Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

### Church Support: April 28, 2024

**Adults:** \$ 695.00  
**Adult Online Giving:** \$ 90.00  
**Offertory:** \$ 156.06  
**Spring Fling:** \$ 140.00

**TOTAL \$ 1,101.06**

*Watch for news highlights on some great projects that have been underway this past winter. We will provide pictures and offer our thanks to those who contributed!!*

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel  
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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Announcements

- ✠ **May 5<sup>th</sup> -- Roll Sunday** following Mass
- ✠ **The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation** (May 9<sup>th</sup>) will be celebrated on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **Second Collection – Catholic Charities** on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **May 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council meeting at 6:00 pm**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear People of God,

We are nearing the end of our Easter season. This means that Ascension Thursday is this week. But it is actually not for us. So Ascension Thursday, the recognition that Jesus was assumed with His human body into heaven, is usually (obviously) celebrated on Thursday. However, and maybe you already knew this, the bishops in our area are way nicer than I am. They have moved Ascension Thursday (a Holy Day of Obligation) to the following Sunday. This was less people commit a mortal sin by missing Mass in the middle of the week. Thus there is no Mass scheduled in the cluster this coming Thursday, May 8th. Instead, we will celebrate Jesus ascension into heaven next Sunday, May 11.

The Baptisms keep coming. I love it! It is beautiful when couples say yes to having a child; yes to raising an eternal soul, yes to being co-creators with God in creating human life. Saturday morning we have Sonny Matthew Felten, son of ??? and ????. On Sunday morning after Mass we have Grace Elizabeth Pholman being Baptized. (What a great Catholic name!) Grace is the daughter of ??? and ????. And finally, as I mentioned last week, our 10th graders are being Confirmed at St. John's in Rochester this Sunday (May 5). So pray heartily for all of these young people and their families. May they receive and utilize the gifts they receive in these Sacraments.

God is love. (1 John 4:8) This is from our second reading today. Another way to think of this is an equal sign: God=love. Love, by its definition and nature requires both a giver and a receiver. In some ways, the giver and the receiver cannot be the same person. Even though we believe in just one God, this is still not a problem. God is a trinity of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is a community of persons. God the Father completely and perfectly loves God the Son. God the Son completely and perfectly receives the love of the Father and completely and perfectly loves the Father back. This exchange of complete and perfect love IS the Holy Spirit. So because God is a community of three Persons, God is a community of love. If God is love and we are made in the image and likeness of God, then our greatest call as a human person is to love and to be loved.

Peace of Christ,

*Father Vogel*

## 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 38,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church.

**St. Patrick's Goal:** \$6,665.00  
**Received:** \$ 750.00 (11%)

Thank you donors! Every gift, great or small helps our parish meet its goal, and funds received over goal are returned to the parish. If you haven't already contributed, there are envelopes available at both church entrances, or you may give online at [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org).

*Thank you!* A big thank you to everyone who helped celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with us!  
Roger and Camilla Doering

Today is our **May Crowning** which marks a new spiritual season. Parishioners received a carnation as they entered the church and placed their flower at Mary's Altar. Dedicated to our Mary, queen of heaven and earth. We celebrate in honoring with our presence in prayer, songs & flowers. We will be forever grateful to the church for bringing us Mary, and grateful to Mary for bringing us her Son.



Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

## Semcac Food Shelf

Many thanks to all who helped fill the grocery cart during the month of April! 109 pounds of food was delivered to the Caledonia Food Shelf. Items that are most needed this month are: cereal, canned peaches and pears, cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup.. All other items are also very much appreciated!

## Notes from Father

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Pachomius

St. Pachomius at first was a pagan soldier in the Emperor's army. While in Egypt, he met Christians and was moved with compassion for them. As soon as his military duties were finished, he went to a Catholic church, and became a Christian. He then retreated to the desert and practiced great penances, in prayer and manual labor. One day he heard a voice who gave him instructions on the religious life. He then began to found monasteries. By the time he died, over three thousand monks lived in those monasteries. He died on May 15, 348.

## Where to Go When Times Get Hard

Supporting Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is your way to help people struggling in our diocese. We offer rental assistance programs, diaper banks, prescription access assistance, counseling, and many other services meant to provide a place to turn to when times get hard. Learn more at [www.ccsomn.org](http://www.ccsomn.org). Please help us put our faith into action and consider supporting our mission on **May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Mother's Day Weekend**. Your support makes all the difference in our local communities! \*All donations stay in our diocese.



## Confirmation

Please pray for our 10th graders as they prepare to be Confirmed this week by Bishop Robert Barron.



Adeline Colsch and Madelyn Foellmii, May 5th at St. Johns in Rochester. Colin Flannery and Jackson Zaiger, May 10th at Crucifixion in La Crescent.

**Mass Intentions & Offerings** envelopes can be dropped in offertory on Sunday or mailed to St. Patrick's Parish at the address below. Please indicate for whom the Mass intention is for, the preferred date(s) for the intention and who the donor is. Please note that specific dates may not be available, we will do all we can to honor your date on or as close to as possible. Also available is online giving at [www.stpatrickschurchbrownsvillemn.org](http://www.stpatrickschurchbrownsvillemn.org) and click on the 'Online Giving' link or set up automatic payment plan by calling the Office.

**Donations to St. Patrick's Cemetery** can be sent to St. Patrick's Parish Office at 604 Adams Street, P.O. Box 155, Brownsville, MN 55919 OR placed in the collection basket during Mass. Mark "St. Patrick's Cemetery" on the outside of envelope and on the check.

**Requests for the Prayer Network** may be emailed to [stpatricks@acegroup.cc](mailto:stpatricks@acegroup.cc) or leave a message at the Parish Office at 507-482-6818. Make sure to provide your name, to whom the request is for and any other details you wish.

**Reconciliation** is available at **7:30 to 7:45 am on Sunday and 5:00 to 5:20 pm on Tuesday**. Confessions are taken in the confessional located at the back of the church.