



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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February 8, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Carol Gavin

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ NO MASS

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Joe Blahnik

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 8

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Nick Serres & Dan Boser
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Karen Colsch
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Adeline Colsch & Hope Flannery
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Virginia Heintz
Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Cindy Dvorak

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 15

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Grace & Isaac Bruggeman
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Ann Fitzpatrick
Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Church Support: February 1, 2026

Adults:	\$ 810.00	T O T A L
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 75.00	
Offertory:	\$ 95.00	
Mass Stipends:	\$ 20.00	
2025 CMA Refund:	\$ 1,762.00	
Cemetery Donation:	\$ 200.00	
Latin America:	\$ 50.00	
Votives:	\$ 19.00	
CCP Annual Dues:	\$ 25.00	
CCP Roll Sunday Donation:	\$ 59.00	
		3,115.00

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ☩ Fr. Vogel away February 8th – 13th at All Priests Retreat
- ☩ Tuesday, February 10th -- NO Mass.
- ☩ February 15th 2026 Spring Fling Meeting following Mass. You are truly needed to participate in Event!
- ☩ February 17th – Parish Council meeting following Mass
- ☩ February 18th -- Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.
- ☩ Wednesday, February 25th -- Generations of Faith Program 5:30 – 7:30 pm

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our school staff of St. Mary's and a bunch of volunteers. Catholic Schools' Week was a success. From talking to the students, they had a great time. One of their favorites from the week was the Olympics event.

Saturday, February 7th, we buried Karen Fitzpatrick in the St. Patrick's cemetery. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family in your prayers.

This coming week, I'll be on retreat with most of the priests of the diocese. Please pray that the retreat is a time of refreshment, rejuvenation, and drawing close to Christ before we head into the season of Lent. So, there will be no daily Masses this week.

This week, Jesus calls us, His disciples, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a city set on a mountain, and a lamp. We are called to change the world; not the world changes us. The challenge is to live in the world but not be of the world. I love salt. I think they call it a salty palette. My mother still reminds me that salt is not good for my heart. Salt, in the right amount, doesn't overpower the taste of the food, but enhances it. As Catholics, we believe that we are essentially good. A lot of Protestants believe that we are essentially bad. Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran church, described our souls as a dung heap. In other words, in the Fall of Adam and Eve, humanity lost both the image and likeness of God. As Catholics, we believe that we lost the likeness of God, but we retained the image of God. So, when we interact with the "world," when we interact with others, hopefully we enhance, we draw out, the goodness that is already there in their souls.

One last thing. Ash Wednesday (February 18), the start of Lent, is coming up. I encourage you to take time to pray and discern what penance you can do for Lent. Maybe give something up. You can ask yourself, "What could I use a little less of?" Maybe add something. You can ask yourself, "What could I use a little more of?" Maybe give up something and add something. I encourage you to pick something realistic, but challenging. Just a few suggestions. Read a chapter of the Bible every day. Memorize a Bible verse every day. Read a

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GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2025-2026 "Living Faithfully"

Thank you to all who attended our January gathering of Generations of Faith." Special thanks to Peter Martin for his presentation on the 4th, 6th and 9th commandments, and ways to enrich the quality of our family relationships. Three of our parishioners spoke about their personal stories of growing up in a faithful Christian family and why it is important to them to continue to make faith a priority in their life today. Home is the place where we first learn about God and the place where we should continue to learn the most about God. Our youth extended Jesus' love by making Valentines for Veterans to be delivered to our Veterans on Valentine's Day. The meal was delicious and plentiful! Thank you to Dan, Barb and crew! It was truly an evening of being inspired to raise the children in our midst to know God and make faith a priority in their life! It's not just what you say, but what you believe and live out. Please mark your calendars for our 5th gathering of the season, **Wednesday, February 25**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Blessing of the Throats



This tradition honors St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr known for his miraculous cures, including the healing of a boy who was choking on a fishbone. The blessing is administered by a priest and involves the use of crossed candles blessed on Candlemas. The prayer said during the blessing is: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." This practice is a testament to the power of prayer and the intercession of saints in the healing of ailments.

Little Black Books for Lent

The Little Black Books for Lent are available at both Church entrances. They contain daily 6-minute reflections on Scripture - to use in spending a little time each day during Lent in Prayer. Please take one home if you wish, to help you grow closer to God during the Holy season of Lent.

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spiritual book. Listen to an episode of a religious podcast every day. (You could listen to my podcast with Father Beerman called Catholicism Unwrapped.) You could give up some screen time. Maybe no screens after 9 PM. You could limit yourself to one episode of TV a day. You could do the classic and give up chocolate. I encourage you to pray and discern what the Lord is asking you to do this Lent to draw closer to God and to grow in holiness.

Peace of Christ, Fr. Vogel

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WOMEN'S Retreat
Saturday, **March 21, 2026**
Keynote speaker: *Elizabeth Leon*
St. Theodore Church, 315 E. Clark St. Albert Lea, MN

\$50
Per Person

To obtain a Registration Form
Call or email Joanne Tibodeau at 507-373-1646, or
jjt@sttheo.org, or download form at <https://sttheo.org>



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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 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.