St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin

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Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Richard Reinhart

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

5:30 p.m. For the Well Being of a Parishioner

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Bill Puent

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 18

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Nick Serres & Mike Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Mary Mell
Choir: Bill Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles Sunday, October 25

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch & Jean Meyer
Gift Bearers: Marth & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: October 11, 2026

Adults:	$	1,060.00
Adult Online Giving:	$	75.00
Offertory:	$	183.00
Help A Student:	$	30.00
Votives:	$	38.50
Baby Bottle Campaign:	$	202.41
TOTAL:	**$**	**1,588.91**

Servant Leadership
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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- **Adoration each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All are invited to stop in and spend some quiet time with the Lord.
- We need parishioners to join us each Sunday in October! Attendance recording is conducted every October, and our numbers mean everything for the Parish.
- **Second collection on October 18th for World Mission**
- **Thank you to those who had their picture taken for the Parish Directory. If you missed out and would like to submit a photo of your own, please contact Jean Meyer or Gracie Bruggeman as soon as possible.**
- **Generations of Faith, Wednesday, October 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today, during Mass we will celebrate the Baptism of Kash Bruggeman (son of Issac and Gracie). Please congratulate him on becoming a son of God. He has begun his journey towards heaven. Pray that he and his parents stay close to Christ. and keep the babies coming.

Today, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus. They ask Him if they should pay the census tax to Caesar or not. If Jesus says yes, then He will be with the followers because He is siding with the Roman occupation of Israel. If He says no, then He is rebelling against the Roman government, and they can report Him to the Roman authorities. It is a lose-lose situation. Jesus escapes their trap by asking to see the coin. After seeing Caesar's image on the coin, He says, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Even Saint Paul talks about being obedient to the government as long as it doesn't conflict with divine law. (God allowed that government to be in place.) So, we should give to the government what belongs to the government. However, everything else belongs to God. God wants everything. He gives us the gift of life. He wants us to freely give it back to Him. What belongs to God is our worship. What belongs to God is for us to make Him Lord of our lives. Again, I am first speaking to myself. There are a lot of times when I don't invite God into the activity that I'm doing. God does care about the little details of our lives. Give to God everything. And we will receive a hundred-fold in return.

God bless, *Father Vogel*

Music Ministry

St. Patrick's Parish is seeking a music minister. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: accompanying the choir at 8 a.m. Sunday Mass, Holy Day, and other special Masses; leading a rehearsal; learning and selecting music for the Masses. Contact Debi Shuda for more info. 507-459-0563.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2026-2027

"We Are Called to Pray"

Our 2nd gathering of the season is coming up soon!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Many older Catholics may remember praying the Rosary as a family every night during October. Please come and share your stories with us. We will take a look at how the Rosary came to be one of the most enduring prayers in our Catholic tradition. What made it so important to so many Catholics? How can prayer change the world? Why does the Blessed Mother ask us to pray the rosary every day? Please bring your favorite rosary and any rosaries you would like to have blessed. We will begin with a complimentary supper: pulled pork sandwiches, beans, salad, and dessert. Take a night off from cooking and join us for a relaxing evening of faith, free food, and fellowship! (No need to bring a dish to share)

There will be special learning sessions for youth.

No fee or pre-registration to attend. This is faith formation for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendars!

Semcac Food Shelf

80 pounds of food was collected in St. Patrick's grocery cart and delivered to the Food Shelf for the month of September. Items most in need during the month of October are: Stuffing, gravy, French style green beans, saltines, cheesy snack crackers. Thank you to those who donate and keep the cart filled each month. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

View episodes of "The Chosen" series. Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. No commitment. Just come when you can. All adults and high schoolers are welcome. Popcorn and lemonade will be available! (please note change of day and time)

Dates: October 22, 29



Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return your filled bottles by October 31st. Donating to the Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign is a powerful way to live out the message of Respect Life Month. Your support gives new and expectant mothers the help they need, so they can choose life with hope and dignity.

Every bottle is a message that they are not alone, and that their baby's life matters. **How can you help? Pick up a baby bottle in the Hall, fill with change, cash , or check. Return the bottle by October 31st.** Thank you for helping us bring hope to mothers and babies in need - your generosity truly makes a difference!

ST. PATRICK'S HALLOWEEN "TRUNK OR TREAT"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Our 4th annual "Trunk or Treat" event will be held at the Church parking lot. We'll park our vehicles, decorate our trunks for Halloween, or wear a costume, and hand out treats to the "trick or treaters". It will be a great way to show our community spirit!

We need some volunteers to join us! Please call or text Debi if you can help. 507-459-0563. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, there will be a basket in the hall. Better yet, bring your bag of candy and join us in the parking lot to hand out treats, even if you don't have time to decorate your vehicle. Hope to see you there! Thank you!

The **OCTOBER** edition of *The Courier* is available at the Church entrances. Please pick one up today!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

"I Will Make You Fishers of Men," Through our generosity, we help support the diocesan programs and services made possible through the CMA.

St. Patrick's Parish 2026 goal:	**$ 6,944.00**
Support Pledged:	**$ 5,280.00 (76%)**
Number of Donors:	**15**

Thank you, donors! If you haven't already given, brochures and envelopes are located at church entrances. Please prayerfully consider helping our Parish to meet our goal in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal!

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. Mass Intentions are $10 per Mass. Also available is online giving at 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 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.

St. Patrick Church
Fiscal Year-end Financial Report
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

INCOME

Church Support	$76,871.43	
Fundraising Income	$22,228.95	
Donations	$ 8,290.00	
Memorials	$ 320.00	
Other Income	$ 21,886.34	
Investment Income	$ 5,403.34	
Unrealized Gain on Investments	$ 2,262.83	
TOTAL INCOME		$ 137,262.89
TOTAL EXPENSES		$ (109,223.10)
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE		$ 28,039.79

A copy of the complete annual report and current year budget is available at the parish office

St. Patrick Cemetery
Fiscal Year-end Financial Report
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

INCOME

Sale of Lots	$ 1,800.00	
Permanent Care	$ 600.00	
Donations	$ 3,945.00	
Memorials	$ 40.00	
Investment Income	$ 2,768.68	
Unrealized Gains on Investments	$ 2,044.77	
TOTAL INCOME		$ 11,198.45
TOTAL EXPENSES		$ 4,978.00
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE		$ 6,220.45
CEMETERY PERMANENT CARE FUND BALANCE		$45,567.86

A copy of the complete annual report is available at the Parish Office