



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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March 2, 2025

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Francis & + Mary Ann Heimer

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Al & + Jeanette Graf

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. ☩ + Clementine Richie

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Terry Leary

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 2

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell

Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel

Eucharistic Minister: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick

Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Ann Fitzpatrick

Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family

Servers: Walker Kohlmeyer & Shauna Colsch

Rosary: Joe Blahnik

Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg

Counters: Karen Kohlmeyer & Dave Ammann

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 9

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick

Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Dan Boser

Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Karen Colsch

Choir: Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes

Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

Servers: Summer Colsch & John Carlon

Rosary: Frank Dvorak

Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams

Counters: Cindy Dvorak & Linda Neeman

Church Support: February 23, 2025

Adults: \$ 717.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 100.00

Offertory: \$ 142.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 50.00

D. Serres Cemetery Memorial: \$ 270.00

Votives: \$ 17.58

CCP Spring Fling: \$ 50.00

TOTAL \$ 1,346.58

Servant Leadership

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

☩ Remember your annual CCP contribution of \$25.

☩ March 2nd – Roll Sunday following Mass.

☩ Wednesday, March 5 -- Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm

☩ March 9th – Spring Fling Meeting following Mass

☩ Tuesdays after Mass - March 11 – April 15: Stations of the Cross at 6pm & Lenten Soup Supper at 6:20 pm.

☩ March 23rd – Spring Fling Meeting following Mass

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

There are unfortunately no baptisms this weekend. No little souls to turn into adopted sons and daughters of God. However, Bart Schuchts will be at St. Mary's on Sunday (March 9) through Tuesday (March 11) evening. You are not going to want to miss him! I have heard Bart speak before and seen lives transformed by his words. He speaks so powerfully of God the Father's love for us and how the Holy Spirit can transform our lives for the better. If something in your soul has felt a little off lately, the Lord wants to change that. So come, even if it is only for one or two of the three nights.

Not much is happening this week...except the beginning of Lent. That means that this Wednesday (March 5) is Ash Wednesday. So, as we used to say at the Newman Center, get your ash to Mass. Our schedule will be: St. Mary's Mass at 8:30 AM preceded by the usual Holy Hour from 7:15-8:15 AM. Then we'll have Mass again at St. Mary's at 5:10 PM in the evening. St. Patrick's will have Mass at 7:00 PM.

As I'm sure I wrote about last year, there are days of fasting and abstaining (from meat) and days of abstaining. The days of fasting and abstaining are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The days of abstaining from meat are all Fridays in Lent.

In the Catholic Church, the guidelines for fasting are:

- One may eat one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal
- Eating between meals is not allowed, but drinking water, tea, and coffee is permitted
- Fasting should be done by those between the ages of 18 and 59, with the exception for those who are ill, pregnant, nursing, or have special dietary needs

In the Catholics Church, the guidelines for abstaining from meat are:

- All Catholics 14 and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent
- Meat includes beef, pork, chicken, and other warm-blooded animals
- Fish, eggs, dairy, and plant-based foods are allowed

This is not an exhaustive list, but four reasons why we fast and abstain are:

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1. It helps us detach from worldly pleasures
2. It deepens our hunger for God
3. It strengthens our willpower against sin
4. It unites us with Christ's suffering

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial. We carry out these hardships for forty days because that is how long Moses, Elijah, and Jesus spent in the desert. Usually deserts are places with low amounts of life. So we too simplify our lives during Lent. We try to focus on growth in our souls through external penances.

I pray you have a blessed Lent filled with small trials and penances that we can use to unite ourselves to the suffering of Christ on Cross. Then we will be prepared to celebrate Jesus resurrection to new life. We will be prepared because we too will have new life because of the sacrifices we've made during Lent.

Again, have a blessed Lent,
Fr. Vogel



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Please consider donating towards our largest fundraiser - **St. Patrick's Spring Fling**. Now is the time to start to bring in donated items for the themed baskets, provide your handmade silent auction items, donate gift cards or certificates from businesses, sell & purchase Raffle tickets, bring in small prizes for the children's games, bring in new or gently used jewelry, plan to bake for the bake sale, and plan to volunteer on the day of the event.

The Spring Fling will start with a delicious and hearty breakfast at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 27th, along with basket and ticket raffles, jewelry and silent auctions, Quilt Raffle, bake sale, children's games, and much more!

An envelope for each parishioner can be found in the hall with a letter outlining the event and tickets for the Raffles.

Bible Study

St. Patrick's Bible Study will meet every Tuesday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the rectory (parish house). Come whenever you can and learn how to pray with the Bible. All adults are invited to attend. Deacon Bob



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Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Barb & Ken Wiese
Servers: Ryan Riederer & Justin Riederer
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose



GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2024-2025

"We Believe in the Communion of Saints"

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our sixth and final gathering of our season on "The Creed: Our Profession of Faith". We will explore the Paschal Mystery, including the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and reflect on what it means for our lives as Catholics.

We will begin with a delicious **potluck supper**. The sign-up sheet for your dish is in the Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of faith, food, and fun for all ages - including special learning activities for youth.

Our guest presenter will be **Father Bob Horihan**, Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary seminary in Winona.

There is no fee to attend. Everyone is welcome!



Open Hearts, a young women's opportunity to learn about the vocation of consecrated life, is open for registration. March 29 at the Mankato Newman Center eight orders including **Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity and the CFR sisters from New York**, will gather in joy for the day to witness to the beauty of women's vocations. Open to young women from high school through 30's. Register soon at <https://dowr.my.canva.site/openhearts> or email openhearts@dowr.org for more information.

*Young Women's
Discernment Day*

SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2025



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.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.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.

Crucifixion Parish Lenten Retreat

Please join Crucifixion's Parish Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 8th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the Crucifixion School Gym, La Crescent. All are welcome!

Lost, Found, Saved, Sent: What it Means to be Called by Christ. Take this day and hear in a fresh way the depth of God's love for us and how we are found, saved, and sent by Jesus Christ. The retreat ends by delving into a prayer practice and challenge to carry it into the 30 days, leading people to arrive in a deeper relationship by Holy Week.

This retreat is led by Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust, director of The Mark 5:19 Project. Lunch provided. Register by calling the Crucifixion parish office at 507-895-4720.



Semcac Food Shelf

Thank you to all who helped fill the grocery cart during the month of February. 105 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Shelf on February 27th. They are very grateful for your generosity! Items most in need at this time are spaghetti noodles, tuna, catsup, saltines or graham crackers, generic Oreo or chocolate chip cookies. All other items are also welcome.

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is taking place now until April 6th. All monetary and food donations received during this time will result in additional funding from Minnesota FoodShare.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Collette

St Collette was born into a very humble family. Both of her parents died when she was seventeen. She then gave to the poor all she inherited and lived in a hermitage. She had visions. She did many penances. Later she went to many convents to reform them. She met much opposition. She ended up founding seventeen convents. She died in France in 1447 and was canonized a saint in 1807.



Special Collection for Ash Wednesday

Church in Central and Eastern Europe contribution provides aid through bishops' conferences to rebuild the Church, focusing on training seminarians and lay leaders, support for social service programs, youth ministry, and much more!

St. Mary's Parish in Caledonia, MN
Invites you to our **Parish Lenten Mission**

Featuring Nationally Known Speaker
Bart Schuchts

CHURCH ON FIRE
March 9th, 10th & 11th
7:00 pm St. Mary's Church
Each night is a different topic
All ages welcome

Following a desperate plea to God while sitting in an NFL locker room, Bart had a powerful encounter with the Father's love that transformed his life forever. Bart travels the country bringing thousands into an intimate and powerful encounter with the Father's love, transforming lives, and equipping people to live more fully into Christ's mission.

You don't want to miss this 3-night mission for the whole family! Happening right here at St. Mary's Parish! Come one night or all three!

"Bart speaks with a mixture of strength, compassion, depth and humor. When I am with him, his energy encourages me and fires up my faith..."
Testimonial



Join us each Tuesday (beginning March 11) for **Stations of the Cross** following the 5:30 pm Weekday Mass. The Way of the Cross is to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. We will meet each Tuesday until April 15th.

Lenten Soup Suppers

A **Lenten supper** is a meal that takes place in the evening of the Christian liturgical season of **Lent**. This year we will continue the delivery of soup to those that cannot join us and will host a soup supper following the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday during Lent. All are welcome to join in these nights of reflection. A delicious soup supper will welcome our fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors! If you know someone in our community or if you would like to have soup delivered or join us each week, please see Jean Meyer.



The **MARCH** edition of *The Courier* is available at the church entrances. Please help yourself.

The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.
SIRACH 27:6

young-catholics.com

St. Mary's Annual Fish Fry & Raffles

Friday, March 14, 2025
St. Mary's Gym – Caledonia



Raffle tickets are \$20 each
Grand Prize Drawing at \$3,000 at 7:00 pm
Fish Dinner at \$14
Fish Fry, Basket Raffles and Desserts
Dine In from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Carry Out from 4:00 to 7:30 pm
Music By "Simply Sis" Starting @ 5 PM