



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin




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December 16, 2018


Parish Business

Mass Schedule


Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00 a.m.  For St. Patrick Parishioners and for + George Joyce

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:30 a.m.  For + Marguerite Sheehan
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eucharist Adoration

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:00 a.m.  For St. Patrick Parishioners and for + Joe & + Luella Bakewell & Family

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.  For + Vince & + Micky Scanlan

Liturgical Roles – December 23rd

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Nick Serres & Kiel Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Randy Mell
Jan Howes & Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Cindy & Frank Dvorak
Servers: Dan Hurley & Colin Flannery
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Counters: Cindy Dvorak & Jerry Lennartz
Children's Lectionary: Hope Flannery

Church Support:

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Adults:	\$	1,111.00
Offertory:	\$	137.00
Hall Rental:	\$	100.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$	387.00
Christmas Plants:	\$	40.00
Votives:	\$	18.30
CCW Roll Sunday:	\$	45.00
CCW Bake Sale:	\$	438.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,276.30

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Immaculate Conception Offering: \$ 504.00

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Greg Havel
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Third Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- **No Tuesday Mass** on the First Tuesday of every month. Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration that will be held on those Tuesday's from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- **December 18th** -- Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
- **December 19th** - Reconciliation at Crucifixion 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- **December 22nd** – Reconciliation at St. Patrick's 9:30 – 10:30 am and Crucifixion 3:30 – 4:30 pm
- **December 24th** – Christmas Eve Mass at Crucifixion 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Christmas Décor

Each year we ask for donations for the purchase of our Christmas plants. Your donation allows us to adorn the altar and entrance with holiday arrangements. Parishioners will have collection baskets at each door following Mass today. *Thank you!*



Christmas Day Youth Choir

All youth in the Parish are invited to join in singing before Mass on Christmas Day. **There will be two practices: Sunday December 16 - 9:00 AM & Sunday December 23 - 9:00 AM.** Please come and help us make a joyful noise to welcome our Lord and Savior on this joyous day!

St. Patrick's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22 – 3:00-6:00 PM

3:00-4:00 Cookie Decorating
4:00-5:00 Christmas Caroling
5:00-6:00 Supper, Games & Prizes

We will make plates of frosted cookies and go out to deliver some Christmas Cheer to friends, neighbors and the homebound. Can you help by baking some other goodies to add to the plates? Do you know someone who would like a visit from the Carolers? Please contact Debi Shuda at 482-6892. The party is for both adults and youth – bring your children, grandchildren, or a friend. Come for all of the party or just part of it if you wish.

Everyone is Welcome!



Liturgical Roles -- December 25th Christmas Day Mass

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Carmen & Mike Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Ann Fitzpatrick
John Reining & Bill Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Hannah Zaiger & Jackson Zaiger
Rosary: Joe Blahnik
Counters: Mike Moriarty & Virginia Heintz

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

As of 12/13/2018, 27 donors from St. Patrick's Parish have donated **\$5,929 toward the Catholic Ministries Appeal which is 81% of our goal of \$7,260.**

CCW Bake Sale Results

Once again a big *Thank you* to all the Bakers and Buyers from our second CCW Bake Sale. With your generosity we raised \$438. All proceeds made from the Bake Sale go towards the money raised each year for the Spring Fling. In 2018, monies raised from our previous Bake Sales and the Spring Fling went to replace all of the cement work completed at the Parish – new sidewalk in front of Parish, repairs to the entrance stairway and around the Parish building. We could not have completed this large project without your support!

Our next Bake Sale will be February 3rd.

Church Support

Many thanks to all of you who have generously supported St. Patrick's Parish this past year. Contributions intended for 2018 must be received by Sunday December 30. Financial statements for 2018 will be available by the end of January 2019.

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2019 Offering Envelopes which can be found on the table in the Hall.

Thank you!



While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: his first, his present, and his final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord – Christian joy – as well as the mission of John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. Joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing can take that love away.



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

St. Paul says, "Brothers and Sisters, Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

Our scripture readings this weekend are filled with hope and joy. They call us to live in a spirit of faith and trust in the Lord every day. Sharing joyfully with others opens our hearts and lives to the gifts of God's love and we will never outdo God in generosity.

On a personal note: I am tired of hearing how the Church is in crisis. Many voices keep telling us that there is a faith crisis among the people, there is a vocation crisis with fewer priests, and there is a crisis with the abuse claims against the clergy. Yes, we must change and there are serious problems to confront, but it is also a time of renewal in the spirit of God's love for His people. God has not abandoned the Church! As we move forward, we can focus our hearts on the voices of doom and gloom or we can recognize God coming to renew the Church in a new Pentecost. May God help us always to become more the people God wants us to be, renewed in His mercy and peace.



Bulletin Announcements

Persons interested in placing information in the St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin and/or you would like the Lector to announce in church can send their request to Jean Meyer at jeanm@acegroup.cc or call at 507-482-6720.

Announcements submitted by Thursday at 4:00 p.m. will be included in the Sunday Bulletin, based on space.

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.

Stipends for Mass Intentions 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. Provide with stipend; if the intention is for a deceased family or friend or a special event, to whom the intention is for and if you have a special date that you would like the intention to fall on or close to. Mass Intentions are assigned on a first come basis for either Sunday or Tuesday.

Requests for the Prayer Network may be called in to Carmen Moriarty at 507.482.6737 or emailed to her at moriarty@acegroup.cc

Reconciliation is available **each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Confessions are taken in the back of the church on the right, in a small room. A light will be turned on when Father is hearing a confession.