



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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July 19, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ Bill Howes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + NO MASS

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Ted Barthel

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, July 19

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick

Ushers: Gracie & Isaac Bruggeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Ann Fitzpatrick

Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Jean Meyer

Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family

Servers: Walker Kohlmeyer & Shauna Colsch

Rosary: Mary Lou Graf

Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch

Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, July 26

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek

Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres

Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Mary Mell

Choir: Trece Robson **Precious Blood:** Al Christian & Andrew Robson

Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer

Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters

Rosary: Dan Hurley

Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining

Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: July 12, 2026

Adults: \$ 1,163.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 25.00

Offertory: \$ 104.00

Help A Student: \$ 40.00

Mass Stipends: \$ 40.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 100.00

Peter's Pence: \$ 55.00

Votives: \$ 7.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,534.00

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel

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Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

☩ **No Tuesday Mass on July 21st. Fr. Vogel will be away.**

☩ **Fr. Ed McGrath** will be celebrating Mass with us on July 26th as Fr. Vogel will be out of town.

☩ Join us on **August 2nd for Roll Sunday** following Mass. Great treats. Great Friends. Great Conversations.

☩ Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 18th

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Hopefully you have found a way to stay out of the heat. Maybe you used it as an excuse to eat some extra ice cream.

I will be gone this week to spend some time with my family. As you may remember, my oldest sister lives in Berlin, Germany with her family and my youngest sister lives in Ramallah with her family. They spend most of July in the United States every year, so we try to all get together sometime during July. Then next weekend I have a Newman wedding in the Cities.

This weekend we have multiple parables. We have the parable of the wheat and the weeds. We have the parable of the mustard seed. We have the parable of the yeast. The Gospel reading ends with Jesus' explanation of the parable of the wheat and weeds.

A very common argument against the existence of God, or at least a loving God, is the existence of evil. If God is so good, why does evil exist? As I have said a ton of times, love is not truly love unless it is freely given. So, not does there need to be a chance that love is shared, there needs to also be chance that love is not shared. Love needs free will to exist. And sometimes we exercise that free will in choosing the bad, in choosing evil. Sometimes we are the weeds in people's lives. God allows it for at least two reasons. One, He is going to bring about a greater good. And two, as long as we are alive, we can change. We can repent of the wrong we've done, change our ways, and begin again our journey towards heaven instead of hell. We should be thankful that God doesn't just smite us when we do something sinful. Often, He gives us many chances to repent. If we have committed a mortal sin, this repentance must include a trip to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As long as we are alive, we can go from being weeds in the world to being wheat in the world. Sometimes it seems that we are stuck in our ways. That we are unable to change. And maybe we are right. Maybe we can't change. But Jesus said that are things are possible with God. So if we are humble enough to ask for God's grace to change us from bad to good, from weed to wheat, then we will change. We do have instances like Saint Paul's conversion where he went from bad to good almost instantaneously. However, that's not usually how the process works. Sometimes becoming a better, a more holy person, can be a long arduous process. Sometimes it can

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It's Time for a New Parish Directory!

Our Church directory will not be complete without you! Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. **Photography Dates will be on Tuesday, September 29th and 30th, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Patrick's Hall.** Every sitting photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. We need 100% participation to create memories!

Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table in the Hall or simply go online at www.ucdir.com, click on church code mn679, with password 679mem. Follow the directions given and you should then see your name on the list of appointments.

We will be organizing **committee** (parish choir, Servers, counters, council, etc.) **photo's following Mass on August 2nd.** Additional dates will be made as needed. You will receive a call soon inviting you for committee pictures!



136 pounds of food was delivered to **Semcac Food Shelf** for the month of June. Many thanks to all St. Patrick's parishioners who continue to fill the grocery cart and provide food for those in need. You are making a difference in the fight against hunger! Needed items at this time are: Ramen noodles, any pasta, generic hamburger or tuna helper. All other items are appreciated as well!

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

Starting July 7th, we will have informal gatherings in Breza Hall to view episodes of "The Chosen" series. Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. No commitment, just come when you can. All adults and high schoolers are welcome. Popcorn and lemonade will be available!

Dates: July 21, 28 August 4, 11, 25



Tuesday Bible Study is **returning this Fall!** Please watch for Bulletin Announcements in the future.

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involve a lot of three steps forward and two steps back. But as long as we stay close to Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) we will get there. We will arrive at heaven. By God's power, we will become the saint we were created to be. It is important that we never become discouraged and give up. Just because we have committed the same mistake, the same sin, over and over again, doesn't mean we should give up. As Saint Faustina tells us, God's mercy is infinite. He never grows tired of forgiving us. We may grow tired of asking for forgiveness and mercy, but He never tires of giving us forgiveness and mercy. Sometimes our prayer can be as simple as, "Lord, grant me the grace to be a better person today than I was yesterday."

Have a blessed week, *Father Vogel*



Our condolences to Barb Wiese and friends of fellow parishioner **Ken Wiese**, who passed away on July 11, 2026. Ken's Funeral Mass was this last Friday. We give thanks for his life and pray that God, rich in mercy, welcomes him into His eternal peace. May perpetual light shine upon him and may his family and friends find comfort in the promise of Christ's resurrection.



2026
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Appeal

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

This year's theme, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," reminds us that Christ calls each of us to share in His mission. 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:	\$ 2,080.00 (30%)
Number of Donors:	9

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!

Summer Flowers for the Altar

Help beautify our church this summer by providing flowers to adorn the altars at St. Patrick's. Donations of green plants, fresh-cut flowers, or floral arrangements are warmly welcomed. Please sign up on the sheets located on the table in the Parish Hall. Flower donations should be dropped off in the Hall Kitchen by 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Thank you for helping make our church a place of beauty and prayer. **Altar Flower Donations:**

July 12th and 19th: *In memory of Kreutzer Family*

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.