



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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April 27, 2025

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. ✝ + George Joyce

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

5:30 p.m. ✝ + Marilyn Flannery

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 a.m. ✝ + Les Hirschuber

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, April 27

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Janice & Ralph Konkel
Eucharistic Minister: **Host:** Karen Colsch
Choir: Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Al Christian
Gift Bearers: Barb & Ken Wiese
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: NO CHILDREN'S LECTIONARY
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 4

Announcer/Lector: Mary Joyce
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Karen Colsch
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer
Rosary: Joe Blahnik
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Church Support: April 20, 2025

Adults:	\$ 1,035.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 150.00
Offertory:	\$ 379.57
Easter Offering:	\$ 990.00
Rice Bowl:	\$ 80.00
CCP Spring Fling:	\$ 914.00
Votives:	\$ 9.00

TOTAL \$ 3,557.57

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Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Announcements

- ✝ Remember your annual CCP contribution of \$25.
- ✝ **2025 Spring Fling** -- Come enjoy breakfast, Auctions, Raffles, Bake Sale, Jewelry Sales, Children's games, and so much more! Today from 9am-12pm
- ✝ **Roll Sunday** will be combined with breakfast for Adelita to celebrate her 1st Communion. Come celebrate with her!
- ✝ **May 4th -- May Crowning**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Easter People!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, otherwise known since 2000 as Divine Mercy Sunday. With the inspiration of Saint Faustina, Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. It is interesting that both Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina are both from Poland. In Caledonia, the Divine Mercy picture sits in front of the ambo.

Saint Faustina says we have no idea the infinite depths of God's mercy. If we did, we would never question God's love for us. Saint Faustina herself had a great desire to be a missionary in a foreign land. However, God showed her that she was to be a missionary through prayer and suffering. She says, "Someday we will know the value of suffering, but then we will no longer be able to suffer (because we will be in heaven). The present moment is ours." As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, remember the gift of mercy. Remember the gift of suffering. Through attaching our suffering to the suffering of Christ on the Cross, we can play our part in the salvation of the world.

So, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, today (Sunday, April 27), we are having a Holy Hour at 3 PM, the hour of mercy, the hour when Jesus died on the Cross for our sins. So, in Caledonia, at St. Mary's, we are having Eucharistic Adoration from 3-4 PM. Confessions will also be available. This is to help facilitate those who want to receive a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is the remission of all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven by applying the merits of Christ to particular prayers and pious practices of the Catholic faithful. So, to receive the plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, you have to receive Holy Communion and go to Confession sometime in the next 20 days. So please take advantage of this great opportunity the Church offers to us on this special feast.

Today we hear about Doubting Thomas. Thomas had given up on Jesus after Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus calls Thomas to a greater faith after appearing to the Apostles a second time. We have not seen Jesus in the flesh. May we still believe in the

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First Blessed Eucharist

Adelita Jean Burg will receive her First Blessed Eucharist next Sunday, May 4. It is an important occasion for her and for every member of our Parish family! Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for her special day. A breakfast will be served after Mass in her honor. All are invited to attend and celebrate with Adelita and her family. Parishioners, please sign up on the sheet in the Hall if you will be attending the breakfast. Thank you!



Church Support: April 18, 2025

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Holy Land:	\$	376.00
Rice Bowl:	\$	40.00
TOTAL	\$	416.00

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resurrection. May we be amongst the blessed who "have not seen and have believed." May these days of Easter strengthen your faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.

May you experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness this week, Fr. Vogel



The family of Delores Serres would like to offer a heart warming thank you to all the kitchen workers, donations of food, the Choir, Father Vogel, Deacon Bob at our Mother's Funeral, and all others who helped, sent condolences, or said a special prayer. Your generosity and giving spirit were truly appreciated.

Our parishioner and friend, Kathy Carlon, has asked us to pray for her. She is hospitalized at Mayo in La Crosse.



Synod ON EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS



His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase is now in the stage of hosting regional gatherings. All are welcome to attend the session nearest their home parish. For a full listing of sessions, and to preview the questions for deliberation, visit our synod website, which can be found at the homepage of our diocesan website, or by visiting: downsynod.my.canva.site.



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

The **2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal** has kicked off!

The Appeal is more than just a fundraiser. It's a way for us to come together, help others grow in their faith, provide for the poor, and continue the incredible work of Christ in our community. Your donation will help strengthen and expand ministries that touch lives and lead people closer to Christ. Together we can build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota!

St. Patrick's Parish 2025 Goal :	\$6,788.00
Received:	\$1,110.00 (16%)
Number of Donors:	6

We are off to a good start! If you haven't already contributed, there are envelopes available at the Church entrances. Or you may give online at www.catholicfsmn.org. Thank you for your contributions!

La Crescent Area Bereavement Program

Thursdays 1:30-3:00 pm

June 19 and 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24

August 7, 14, 21 and 28

The death of a loved one can be painful.

Sharing with others who have experienced a similar loss is the first step in overcoming the heavy burden of grief.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

21 N. Hill St., La Crescent.

Our program offers both education and support. The book, *Understanding Your Grief*, by Alan Wolfelt will be provided. Wolfelt's website is www.centerforloss.com. Sessions are facilitated by counselors and nurses and open to anyone.

For information, and to register: Jane Welch at 608-797-4554

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, and the program is FREE.

Sponsored by Church of the Crucifixion, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, La Crescent United Methodist Church and Mayo La Crosse Health System.

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



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.