



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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October 11, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bud & + Helen Mullen

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ NO MASS

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Richard Reinhart

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 11

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch

Ushers: Nick Serres & Ralph Konkel

Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Mary Mell

Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch & Jean Meyer

Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

Servers: Sabrina TenKley & Sophia TenKley

Rosary: Virginia Heintz

Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams

Counters: Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

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

Church Support: October 4, 2026

Adults: \$ 795.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 125.00

Offertory: \$ 166.00

Help A Student: \$ 20.00

Mass Stipends: \$ 25.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 200.00

Votives: \$ 19.00

CCP Roll Sunday Donations: \$ 65.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,411.00

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel

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Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Twenty-eighth 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.
- ☩ **October 12th and 13th Parish Directory pictures 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Rescheduled date! Be sure to sign up!**
- ☩ **No Mass on October 13th.** Father will be attending Presbyteral Days at Lake Okoboji, IA from October 12 -15
- ☩ **Second collection on October 18th for World Mission**
- ☩ **Generations of Faith, Wednesday, October 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How is everyone doing? October 10th is my (supposed) birthday. Since I was found on the doorstep of the police station in South Korea, I do not know for sure when my birthday is. I am told that sometimes mothers would slip pieces of paper inside the child's shirt with basic information. So maybe I was born on October 10, 1974. Maybe not. Maybe I'm really 85 years old!

This coming week I will be with Bishop Barron and a lot of the priests from our diocese at Okoboji for our annual Presbyteral Days. Bishop Barron is going to give talks on two Vatican II documents: Dei Verbum ("Word of God") and Lumen Gentium ("Light of the World"). I am excited for both of these talks as I have studied both documents extensively before. We are also having a speaker come in and talk about physical health and well-being. I am less excited for these talks. I suppose it is a good thing. Pray for me. I will be gone Monday through Thursday. Father Sam from La Crosse is celebrating Mass with the school while I'm gone.

As you may have noticed we are having the Eucharistic ministers standing in front of the Altar. As some of you may remember, in the olden days there was a Communion rail that separated the sanctuary from the rest of the church. A Catholic Church is considered holy ground. It is different than our homes. This is because Jesus is in the tabernacle in the Eucharist. As I have said before, God is in different places in different ways. Because the altar and tabernacle are in the sanctuary, that makes the sanctuary an even more special or holy place. Not because I am better or more holy (God knows that's in not the case), but because I and the servers have special roles in the sacrifice of the Mass, it is more fitting that only we be in the sanctuary. I pray this increases the reverence for God and the Eucharist during Mass. It is not about exclusion, but about reverence for Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. There is nothing ordinary or common about the

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GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2026-2027

"We Are Called to Pray"

Many thanks to all who attended, and to our faithful volunteers who helped out at our first gathering of the season last month. We shared a delicious meal, served by Dan, Barb and crew! We appreciate our amazing group of youth who performed skits with scenarios showing the many different ways to pray. We are grateful to our special guest, Deacon Bob Yerhot, for his teaching on the power of prayer. His friendship with our Parish is a real gift! This was truly an evening of growing in our faith. Thank you to all who show up and help in handing on the faith!

Please mark your calendars for the next gathering of our season on *The Power of Prayer*, **Wednesday, October 21, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** **October is the month of the Holy Rosary** and this month we will look at how the rosary came to be. What made it so important to so many Catholics? How can prayer change the world and 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 need the experience of those who have been committed to this prayer to assist in passing it on to the next generation. If you know nothing, or everything there is to know about praying the rosary, you have an important part to play this evening. All are welcome!

Baby Bottle Campaign

St. Patrick's Parish will participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign again this year during the month of October. Each year, more than 100 parishes, Catholic schools, and other groups add their change together to raise funds that support women choosing life! All donations are used to provide rent or utility assistance for new and expectant parents through Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis. Please take a baby bottle home with you today and fill it with your spare change; or write a check and insert it at the end of the month. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Please return the baby bottles by the last Sunday in October. Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!

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



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Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus body, blood, soul, and divinity. Again, this isn't about being better or worse; it is about reverence and recognizing our unique roles in worshipping God, especially in the Eucharist.

This week we have the wedding feast of the King's son. There is so much to unpack in this Gospel reading. I won't attempt to do it justice in my bulletin article. I'll just say we are all invited to the wedding feast of Jesus in heaven. God truly wishes all to be saved. However, He will not force us to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Just like the guests in the parable, we too can say no to God. We too can choose not to participate in the wedding feast of Jesus. We truly have free will and God will honor our choices, even if it saddens Him. He has the power to force us to do things, but He doesn't. He respects our free will. So today, choose Jesus. Choose to spend time with Him in prayer. Spending time with God here on earth prepares and shows that we want to spend time with Him forever in heaven.

God bless, *Father Vogel*

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!

Dates: October 15, 22, 29

(please note change of day and time)



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.