



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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August 16, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bonnie Helke Schock

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + George Joyce
Lector: Debi Shuda

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bill Howes

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 16

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: John Carlson & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 23

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Mary Mell
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Jean Meyer
Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: August 9, 2026

Adults:	\$	835.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	75.00
Offertory:	\$	416.00
Help A Student:	\$	10.00
Kwik Trip Rebate:	\$	7.23
Cemetery Donations:	\$	240.00
Votives:	\$	15.25

TOTAL: \$ 1,598.48

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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Blog: fathervogel.wordpress.com
Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ☩ Please remember **St. Patrick's Cemetery** in providing for continuing care and upkeep. Your support is important.
- ☩ **Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 18th**
- ☩ **Second Collection on August 23rd for Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native American.**
- ☩ Please remember the upkeep needs for **St. Nicolus Cemetery in Freeburg.** Many of our fellow parishioners have family at St. Nicolus. Donations can be put in an envelope marked "St. Nicolus Cemetery".
- ☩ **Wednesday, September 23** - First session for **Generations of Faith** - Supper at 5:30 p.m. - Activities and Speaker 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How are we doing? I have done a lot of driving lately to see family and friends. A lot of good memories were created at the end [of these drives. Hopefully you have also been creating some memories this summer.

This week we have the Canaanite woman whose daughter is being tormented by a demon. She asks Jesus for Him to miraculously heal her daughter. Jesus tests her resolve. How badly does she want healing for her daughter? Is she willing to be publicly shamed in order to get what she wants?

It seems to be human nature to value something more if we have to work to get it. Even our material goods. We tend to take better care of things we had to pay for ourselves or work hard to get. I have always been short. So as a kid, I would get my shot blocked in basketball. So, I spent a winter learning to shoot from my forehead instead of my stomach area. At first my shooting got worse. Eventually though, it got better...and I got my shot blocked a lot less.

What blessings are we missing out on because we are unwilling to fight through the roadblocks that God allows in our lives? The woman is praised because of her faith. She believed and knew that even a scrap of Jesus' power was more than enough to heal her daughter. The world tells us that miracles don't really happen. The world tells us that there has to be a rational or scientific explanation for everything. So maybe that is the first question: "Do you believe that God performs miracles?" The second question would be, "Do you believe that God loves you enough that He wants to perform miracles in your life?" How strong is your faith? Yes, we have to end every request of God with "...but Thy will be done." God's will may be different. He can see eternity. We can't. But maybe God does will what you want. Maybe He is just waiting for your faith, your humble request before He unleashes His miraculous power upon you or someone you love.

May God bless and keep you, *Father Vogel*

Altar Flower Donations:

August 9th: *In memory of George Joyce*
Mary Joyce



Semcac Food Shelf

33 pounds of food was delivered to Semcac Food Shelf for the month of July. 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: crackers (saltines or other), cookies, hamburger helper or tuna helper (generic is fine), Ramen noodles (beef, roast beef, creamy chicken) Especially any pasta noodles! All other items are welcomed as well.



Seven Sisters Apostolate
DAY OF REFLECTION
Diocese of Winona-Rochester
"The Father's Blessing"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Saint Theodore Parish

315 E. Clarke St, Albert Lea, MN 55060

8:00AM REGISTRATION – 8:30AM MASS

9:30 BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY

PROGRAM AND LIGHT LUNCH – 1:30 CLOSING

*Speakers: Janette Howe, foundress of Seven Sisters Apostolate,
Lola Baxter Diocesan Coordinator and
Fr. Kurt Farrell, Pastor of St. Theodore Parish*

Free will offering accepted and appreciated to cover costs.

RSVP BY AUGUST 30TH

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A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer
(SEVEN SISTERS MATERIALS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

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: August 25, September 1, 8, 15

Please note: There will be no viewing on August 11 or 18



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 at 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 throughout August.** Announcements will be made for parishioners to stay after Mass for group photos!

12 Days Marian Shrines & Barcelona Trip

If you are interested in joining Fr. Matthew Wagner, St. Mary's Spiritual Director on **May 16 through 27, 2027** to tour sacred encounters – Walking with Our Blessed Mother Mary – in Portugal and Barcelona sign up can be completed by mail (Brochures at each entrance) or online at www.nativitypilgrimage.com/msh-bar-5909

Bishop Barron to Celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's

We invite all our parishioners, family, and friends to join us for a very special Mass on Sunday, September 20, at 8:00 a.m. as we welcome Bishop Barron to St. Patrick's. Following Mass, please join Bishop Barron and fellow parishioners for breakfast. Having our Bishop celebrate Mass with us is a special and meaningful occasion that does not happen often. We encourage everyone to come, show your support, and help make this a wonderful experience for our parish community.



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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:	\$ 4,180.00 (60%)
Number of Donors:	13

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.