



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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November 2, 2025

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, November 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Tom & + Delores Serres

#### Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5:30 p.m. ☩ For a Parishioners Well Being

#### Sunday, November 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Al & + Jeanette Graf

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 2

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch

**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Mary Mell

**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes  
& Karen Colsch

**Gift Bearers:** Teresa & Steve Colsch Family

**Servers:** Walker Kohlmeyer & John Carlon

**Rosary:** Virginia Albert

**Children's Lectionary:** Aleigha Burg

**Counters:** Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 9

**Announcer/Lector:** Mary Mell

**Ushers:** Grace & Isaac Breggeman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Bill Fitzpatrick

**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Al Christian  
& Ann Fitzpatrick

**Gift Bearers:** Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

**Servers:** Sabrina TenKley & Sophia TenKley

**Rosary:** Virginia Heintz

**Children's Lectionary:** Heidi Grams

**Counters:** Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

### Church Support: October 26, 2025

**Adults:** \$ 934.00

**Adult Online Giving:** \$ 100.00

**Offertory:** \$ 148.10

**Help A Student:** \$ 20.00

**Mass Stipends:** \$ 40.00

**Memorials: Jamie Conniff:** \$ 20.00

**Cemetery Donation:** \$ 20.00

**World Mission:** \$ 100.00

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All Souls Day – The Commemorative of All the Faithful Departed

### Announcements

☩ Roll Sunday following Mass today.

☩ Baby Bottle Campaign has ended, please bring in your bottles with your contributions.

☩ Funeral Mass for Janet Fitzpatrick (sister to Kathy Woodard) Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

☩ Second Collection, November 9<sup>th</sup> for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

☩ Fr. Vogel will be away November 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> for FOCUS Recruitment Week in Alexandria, VA.

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I pray all is going well. This coming Friday we have a funeral Mass for Janet Fitzpatrick in Brownsville. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Also pray for her family.

Yesterday was a solemnity: All Saints' Day. Usually, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since it falls on a Saturday, the US Bishops are kinder than I am. Since it falls on a Saturday, the obligation is rescinded. All Souls' Day is November 2, so we celebrate All Souls Day Sunday and Saturday evening. All Saints' Day we remember and celebrate not just the recognized saints of the Church, but all souls in heaven. (Any soul, human person, in heaven is saint.) All Souls' Day we remember all who have died, especially the souls in Purgatory.

I once had someone tell me that we Catholics don't believe in Purgatory anymore. I too strongly corrected them. As I have said before, I think Purgatory is one of the hidden gems of our Catholic faith. Jesus says to be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48) I going to strive for it, but I think the chances are slim that I'm going to be "perfect as my Heavenly Father is perfect" at the time of my death. Thus, it is comforting to know that as long as I love God and are striving to follow the commands of Jesus (that the Church teaches), I won't go to hell. Instead, I can spend some time in Purgatory being purified until I am "perfect as my Heavenly Father is perfect."

The greatest dis-service we can do the dead is to assume they are in Heaven. If we assume they are in Heaven, then we never pray for them. God allows our prayers to speed up their purification in Purgatory. If we pray for someone and they are already in Heaven, God will take our prayers and apply the graces to someone else in Purgatory. This is why it is so important to have a Mass said for a loved one. There is nothing more powerful, nothing that applies more graces than to have a Mass said for a person. Maybe this Mass will be the final graces they need to move from Purgatory to Heaven.

I won't be with you, (I'm celebrating a wedding in Bismarck, ND) but this weekend take some extra time and pray for deceased loved ones.

Peace and love of Christ, Fr Vogel

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel

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**Church Support: October 26, 2025**

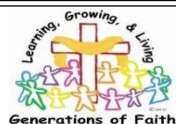
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**Votives:** \$ 8.00**Baby Bottle Campaign:** \$ 419.56**TOTAL \$ 1,809.66**

My dear friends of St Patrick's, I think you all know how much I love this parish. Indeed, you have become family to me, so saying goodbye is not easy. I want you to know that you have strengthened my faith over the years. Indeed, I have known saints in Brownsville! Your fidelity to the Eucharist, to Generations of Faith, to each other, and your kindnesses have been your gifts to me. Thank you! **My new mailing address is 307 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SW, P.O. Box 133, New Richland, MN 56072.** Please pray for me every day, as I will for you. *Deacon Robert Yerhot*

**Semcac Food Shelf**

Suggested items at this time are: tuna, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, cereal, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce. All other items are appreciated as

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

**Living a Moral Life: The Commandments & Life in Christ**

Our October gathering last Wednesday evening had amazing food and an amazing speaker! One of our best yet! Our speaker, Mike Schramm, gave an engaging and inspiring presentation on the 5th commandment, and Human Life and dignity. Someone said "I feel like a better person today after hearing him speak." He is so knowledgeable, and his humility is genuine. We also enjoyed a Parish video with life-affirming photos of parishioners and their families. Thank you to all who submitted photos! They were heart-warming to watch! Many thanks to each and every one of you who attend and help out with Generations of Faith. Together we can do our part to hand on the faith to the next generation! Our next gathering for this season will be Wednesday, November 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will explore the 7th and the 10th Commandments and their implications for our lives as Catholics. Our special guest presenter will be **Tom Thibodeau**. This is faith formation for all ages.

Everyone is welcome! Please save the date!

**Why is November called the Month of Remembrance?**

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to

the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day. St. Patrick's has dedicated the space in front of Mary's Altar to honor those that have died this past year.



The OCTOBER edition of The Courier is available at the Church entrances. It includes a great article about our new seminarians.

Please pick one up today!

**The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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| St. Patrick's Parish 2025 Goal : | \$6,788.00       |
| Received:                        | \$6,040.00 (89%) |
| Number of Donors:                | 23               |

Every donor counts as we fund Catholic Ministries, education and evangelism in Southern MN. Please prayerfully consider what is feasible for your family - \$30, \$300, or \$3,000 - every gift matters to help us reach our Parish goal. If you haven't already contributed, there are envelopes available at the Church entrances. Or you may give online at [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org) Thank you for your contributions!

**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.stpatrickschurchbrownsvillemn.org](http://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](mailto: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.