



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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October 5, 2025


Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Bud & + Helen Mullen

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

5:30 p.m.  + Al & + Jeanette Graf

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Bill Howes

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 5

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Mary Mell
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Barb Wiese & Marilyn Rose
Servers: Walker Kohlmeier
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeier

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 12

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Grace & Isaac Bruggeman
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Virginia Heintz
Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams
Counters: Linda Neeman & Cindy Dvorak

Church Support: September 28, 2025

Adults:	\$ 1,360.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 100.00
Offertory:	\$ 145.00
Freeburg Cemetery Donation:	\$ 769.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery:	\$ 50.00
Votives:	\$ 14.50
TOTAL	\$ 2,438.50

Altar Flowers -- Remembering our loved ones:

October 5th: Donated by Tony & Ann Bauer



Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
E mail Address: frapvogel@gmail.com
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Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert Yerhot
E mail Address: bobyerhot@gmail.com

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ✚ **Baby Bottle Campaign** will be during the month of October.
- ✚ **October 5th** Join fellow parishioners for Roll Sunday
- ✚ **Fall Clean Up Day** on Saturday, October 11th from 9am to 1pm. Please come join in preparing our grounds. Lunch will be served.
- ✚ **Second collection** on October 19th for World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith)
- ✚ **Generations of Faith** on Wednesday, October 22nd. Meal at 5:30 pm with Program following.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We have some more baptisms coming up. Carson Von Arx, son of Clint and Megan, was baptized Saturday morning at St. Mary's. Next Sunday, October 12, we have Noah and Sawyer Steele being baptized at St. Mary's. At St. Patrick's, on the same day, Landon Foelimi, son of Jacob and Jill will be baptized. Human life is such a gift, an amazing gift from God. Thank you to all parents who said yes to life. Please pray for these kids and their families.

Next Saturday, October 11, seems to be cleanup day. We have Garden Cleanup in Caledonia. At St. Patrick's Fall Cleanup will be between 9 AM and noon. As my mother like to say, the more people, the sooner it gets done.

Speaking of my mother. My mother would make a list of chores we had to do Saturday morning before we could out and play with friends. Some of my friends got an allowance for doing things around the house. We Vogel kids didn't get squat. (When I was older, I got \$2 for mowing the lawn, but even in the late 1980's, early 1990's, I thought this was cheap.) My parents believed that chores were just the "payment" of being part of the family. It was just expected. This is what Jesus is talking about in the Gospel parable today. What is expected of a servant? Would the master wait on the servant or the servant on the master? Even if the servant had just come in from the field? Even then, the servant would wait on the master. This is just what is expected of the servant. Should the servant get a prize or a bonus for just doing what was expected of him? Of course not?

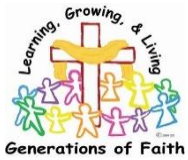
I don't know about you, but sometimes pride starts to enter into even my walk with Jesus. I start to think that I'm such an amazing Catholic Christian. I offer Mass, I go visit the school kids, I pray every day, I visit the homebound...Wow! I am so amazing. Jesus is like, um...no. No extra praise for you. These things that you are doing...these are things that should just be expected of an average Christian. Jesus says when we do what God has commanded has to do, we are to say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obligated to

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Baby Bottle Campaign Supports New and Expectant Parents
Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis.

The "Baby Bottle Campaign" begins Sunday, October 5, at St. Patrick's Parish!

Donating to the Baby Bottle Campaign is a powerful way to live out the message of Respect Life Month. Your support gives new and expectant mothers the help they need, so they can choose life with hope and dignity. Every bottle is a message that they are not alone, and that their baby's life matters. **How can you help? Pick up a baby bottle in the Hall, fill with change, cash or a check. Return the bottle by October 31, 2025.** Thank you for helping us bring hope to mothers and babies in need - your generosity truly makes a difference!



GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2025-2026

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

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Our second gathering of the season will focus on the 5th Commandment. Our topic will be "Respect for all Life". We will explore Catholic teaching on the sacredness of human life and how we can live out the 5th Commandment in our daily lives.

We will begin with a taco supper, followed by the program. There will be special learning sessions for youth and a guest speaker for adults.

This is faith formation for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendars!

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



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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do." Again, we ideally obey God out of love rather than for a prize or a gift. Right. Sometimes we bargain with God. If I do this kind thing for someone, you will give me the new job I interviewed for. In some ways, this is okay. It may be a first step in growing in trust of God and His will for our lives. But it is not ideal. Again, ideally, we obey God out of love for him, because He is our heavenly Father. Are you in relationship with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Are we seeking recognition for being a good person, a good Christian? Or are we doing the will of God in our lives out of love for God and our neighbor? I pray for me and you, that it is the latter.

Have a blessed week, Father Vogel



Evangelical Church of Peace
+ A Christian Community Church Founded 1885 +
Highway 249 Brownsville (Freeburg), Minnesota

**OLD-FASHION HYMN SING AND
FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Sunday, October 12, 2025
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Peace Church is located on Hwy 249, 3 MILES WEST OF
MN 26, 6 miles south of Brownsville
"The country Church on Crooked Creek."

More information- [Nicole Lampert](mailto:Nicole.Lampert@peacechurch.org) 507-724-2369



2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal
ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The CMA 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.

St. Patrick's Parish 2025 Goal :	\$6,788.00
Received:	\$5,360.00 (79%)
Number of Donors:	20

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 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 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.

**St. Patrick Church
Fiscal Year-end Financial Report
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

INCOME

Church Support	\$ 77,273.39	
Fundraising Income	\$ 20,998.80	
Donations	\$ 5,233.00	
Memorials	\$ 2,269.31	
Bequests	\$ 1,000.00	
Other Income	\$ 19,559.87	
Investment Income	\$ 1,982.93	
Unrealized Gain on Investments	<u>\$ 5,889.79</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$134,207.09

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$116,411.65
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ 17,795.44	

A copy of the complete annual report is available at the parish office

**St. Patrick Cemetery
Fiscal Year-end Financial Report
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

INCOME

Donations	\$ 6,970.00	
Memorials	\$ 665.00	
Investment Income	\$ 3,723.28	
Unrealized Gains on Investments	\$ <u>1,345.83</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 12,704.11

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 6,055.00
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TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ 6,649.11	
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CEMETERY PERMANENT CARE FUND BALANCE	\$ 42,923.09	
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A copy of the complete annual report is available at the parish office