



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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August 24, 2025

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. ✝ + Bill Howes

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

5:30 p.m. ✝ + Marilyn Flannery

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. ✝ + Woodie & + Margaret Johnson

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 24

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek

Ushers: Grace & Isaac Bruggeman

Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Al Christian

Choir: Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Mary Mell

Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer

Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters

Rosary: Dan Hurley

Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining

Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 31

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick

Ushers: Nick Serres & Mike Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Ann Fitzpatrick

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

Gift Bearers: Barb Wiese & Marilyn Rose

Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch

Rosary: Virginia Albert

Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch

Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: August 17, 2025

Adults: \$ 1,730.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 350.00

Offertory: \$ 120.25

Help A Student: \$ 100.00

General Donation: \$ 1,000.00

Mass Stipends: \$ 330.00

Assumption Offering: \$ 20.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 320.00

Youth Retreat Fund: \$ 200.00

**Catholic Home/
Black & Indian Missions:** \$ 5.00

Servant Leadership

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

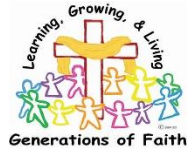
- ✝ Please sign up to **bring in fresh cut flowers** to adorn the Church. Sign up sheet is located in Hall on table.
- ✝ **August 24th – second collection for Catholic Home Mission and Black & Native Americans.**
- ✝ **September 7th Join fellow parishioners for Roll Sunday**
- ✝ **Wednesday, September 24th – First session for Generations of Faith -- Potluck begins at 5:30 pm, Program 6:00 – 7:30 pm.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As far as I know, the teachers and students survived the first week of school. Overall, the enrollment is up slightly. We are very blessed to be able to provide the option of a Catholic education here in southeast Minnesota. Thank you to all of you who make sacrifices (time, talent, and treasure) so that our school can exist.

Today's Gospel is an interesting one. Someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." I know I've talked about this before, but as Catholics we do not believe in universal salvation. We don't believe that everyone gets to heaven. Now we can hope that everyone be saved, but it is not reality. Jesus, here and other places, makes it sound like getting into heaven is hard. I run up against this at funerals. So very often, people speak as if the deceased person is already in heaven. I am told all the time at funerals that the deceased is "in a better place." Maybe that is true, but they might also be in Purgatory or hell. So many families are choosing not to have a funeral Mass said for their mom or dad. This is absolutely tragic! They just want a little "celebration of life" ceremony at the funeral home. We have to remember that the funeral Mass is not just for the family members that are still alive. It is for the eternal soul of the deceased. The deceased is most likely not in heaven. Jesus said the gate is narrow; not wide. Jesus said many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. This is why Purgatory is one of the hidden gems of our faith. If we are not ready to pass through the narrow gate into heaven at the time of our death, all is not lost. We don't have to go to hell. If we love Jesus imperfectly, we may start our life after death in Purgatory. However, the souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves. They rely on God's refining grace, through the prayers of others, to be purified. Eventually a soul in Purgatory is purified enough to be "perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) Then that person transitions from Purgatory to heaven. You cannot go from Purgatory to hell. This is what the funeral Mass is for. It is not to celebrate the person's life, but to pray for the repose of their souls. During the funeral Mass we ask that the graces of the Mass be used

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Church Support: August 17, 2025**Votives:** \$ 13.00**TOTAL \$ 4,188.25****Church Support: August 15, 2025 – Assumption****Assumption of Mary:** \$ 308.79**GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2025-2026**

Our new season of Generations of Faith will begin soon!

We will come together again as a parish, for family-centered faith formation, to grow in our understanding and love of the Faith. **We will gather one Wednesday evening per month on the following dates from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

September 24, 2025**November 19, 2025****February 25, 2026****October 22, 2025****January 28, 2026****March 25, 2026**

Our topic this year is *“Living a Moral Life”*. We will be taking a look at the Ten Commandments and practical ways to live them out in our daily lives. The Commandments are core to our faith and so important for us to review, and for our youth to learn and understand them. All are welcome! Come alone, come with your family, or bring a friend. Generations of Faith has been successful at St. Patrick’s because we have so many people who are willing to help out. We will find some engaging presenters to inspire our faith life, and it will be a great year of faith, food and fellowship!



Please consider St. Patrick’s to **provide an everlasting back drop of flowers for our altars** in our church with flower sharing donations – green plants, cut flowers, flower arrangements.

Please use the sign-up sheets on the table in the Hall. Flowers can be given in memory of someone, for an anniversary, birthday or just to show appreciation. Drop off flowers in the Hall Kitchen by 10:00 am on Saturday’s. Hope Flannery will be arranging the flowers to adorn the altars.

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

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to purify the soul of the deceased so that they may pass from Purgatory to heaven. If we just celebrate their lives and not pray for the repose of their souls, if we just have a “small service at the funeral home,” then our loved one is denied the prayers and graces they need to move out of Purgatory and into eternal life in heaven. We are doing them a disservice and lengthening the time they have to spend in Purgatory. It is obviously okay to do both; both celebrate our loved one’s life, but then also to pray for them in case they are in Purgatory.

This is also true when we have a Mass intention set for our deceased loved one. This is not just to remember them (although it is or can be that), but more importantly, again to pray for the repose of their souls. If they are already in heaven, great, these graces will be applied to some other soul in Purgatory who needs them. But if the person for whom the Mass intention is for is still in Purgatory, then the graces of the Mass helps purify their souls and lessens the time until they perfectly purified of all sin and attachment to sin and brought home to God in heaven. This behooves us to pray for the souls in Purgatory even outside the Mass. If you are ever in need of something to pray for, pray for the purification of the souls in Purgatory. Unlike us, they cannot pray for themselves. This is why praying for the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Have a blessed week,

Father Vogel



2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal
ANSWERING GOD’S CALL

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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: \$5,050.00 (75%)

Number of Donors: 16

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.