



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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October 19, 2025

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Sr. Agnes Claire Krogman

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

5:30 p.m.  For Parishioners Health

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Les Hirschuber

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 19

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Ralph Konkel & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Mary Mell
Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Al Christian
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 26

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: Walker Kohlmeyer & John Carlon
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: October 12, 2025

Adults:	\$ 1,109.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 200.00
Offertory:	\$ 203.00
Help A Student:	\$ 5.00
Bill Puent Memorial:	\$ 25.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 100.00
Baby Bottle Campaign:	\$ 162.74
Votives:	\$ 13.30

TOTAL \$ 1,818.04

Servant Leadership

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ✚ **Baby Bottle Campaign** will be during the month of October.
- ✚ **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.**
- ✚ **Breakfast for Deacon Bob following Mass on October 26th, to say thank you for his 8 years of service to St. Patrick's.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How are things going? This week we are having training/retraining for our ushers in Caledonia. A part of this session is having Chief Kurt Zender to help ushers keep safe. I say this not to spread fear but just trying to be over prepared. Just remember, Jesus said to His disciples multiple times, "Do not be afraid." Human life is a precious gift from God and so we need to do what is reasonable to protect every human being. However, we do this in the context that our greatest good, our ultimate end is God, to being with God forever in heaven. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." (1:21)

Also, this Monday is Steubenville Info night at 7:30 PM at Holy Family Hall in Caledonia. I have described Steubenville as the greatest thing since sliced bread. I know it has already been transformative in the lives of some of our youth. If you are a young person going into 9-12 grade, I cannot encourage you enough to go. If you know someone who is going into 9-12 grade, encourage them to go. Also, ask Sue Stemper if you can go as a chaperone. I always say I'm going to for the youth, but I get so much out of it. It is like a mini retreat. It always strengthens my relationship with Jesus Christ.

St. Mary's Bazaar is next Sunday in Caledonia. This is not only a great fundraiser for our parish, but it such an amazing opportunity to build community. Remember, to invite everyone, not just your Catholic friends.

In our Gospel today, Jesus talks about prayer. Jesus asks us to be persistent in prayer, to pray without becoming weary. In his parable, a judge finally renders a decision for a woman who has been wronged because of her persistence. God loves us and wants what is best for us. Sometimes He doesn't answer our prayers because we are attached to some sin or habit that puts in a place where we are not able to receive His blessings. Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers because He knows that in the long run, it is actually better for us (and maybe others) that our prayer is not answered. Unanswered prayers are sometimes a blessing. I love the lyrics to a song called, "Blessings" by Laura Story. The refrain goes, 'Cause

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Baby Bottle Campaign

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used to help women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. **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.

Altar Flowers

August 17th: *In memory of Walcker & Cordes Families*
Donated by Marg Cordes & Tammy Walcker



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Living a Moral Life: The Commandments
& Life in Christ

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

Our 2nd gathering of the season will focus on the 5th Commandment - "You Shall Not Kill". We will explore Catholic teaching on the sacredness of human life, how we can show respect for all life, and how we can live out the 5th Commandment in our daily lives. We will begin with a delicious taco supper, followed by a special life-affirming parish slide show! Please share a few of your family photos for this video. Some suggestions would be: flowers, birds, nature scenes, farm animals and pets, family (from infants to elderly). Please submit your photos by October 17 to jeanm@acegroup.cc or 507-450-6038. Mike Schramm will be our special guest speaker! He is former Faith Formation Director at Crucifixion in La Crescent and currently teaches Theology at Viterbo University and Faith Formation at Aquinas High School.

Take a night off from cooking and join us for a relaxing evening of faith, free food, and fellowship! (No need to bring a dish to share). There will be special learning sessions for youth. No fee or pre-registration to attend. This is faith formation for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendars!

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what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?" It is easy to have faith in the easy times. Will we have faith in Jesus in the hard times? This is what Jesus asks at the end of today's Gospel: "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" I pray that the answer is yes, especially here in southeast Minnesota. Peace of Christ, Father Vogel

ST. PATRICK'S HALLOWEEN "TRUNK OR TREAT" FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Our 3rd annual "Trunk or Treat" event will be held at the Church parking lot. We'll park our vehicles, decorate our trunks for Halloween, and hand out treats to the "trick or treaters". It will be a great way to show our community spirit! We need some volunteers to join us! Please call or text Debi if you can help. 507-459-0563. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, there will be a basket in the hall.



Semcac Food Shelf

183 pounds of food was delivered to Semcac Food Shelf during the month of September. Many thanks to all who continue to fill the grocery cart and provide food for those in need. Suggested items at this time are: tuna, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, cereal, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce. All other items are appreciated as well.



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:	\$5,860.00 (86%)
Number of Donors:	21

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.