



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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March 22, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Dale & + Fern Richards

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Elizabeth Lemon

Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bill Howes

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 22

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Al Christian
Choir: Kathy Koel **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch & Adeline Colsch
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, March 29

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Al Christian
Choir: Trece Robson **Precious Blood:** Andrew Robson & Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Colette & Gery Bruening
Servers: Ryan Riederer & Justin Riederer
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Summer Colsch
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeier

Church Support: March 15, 2026

Adults:	\$	495.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	200.00
Offertory:	\$	10.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$	310.00
Rice Bowl:	\$	140.00
Votives:	\$	11.75
CCP Spring Fling:	\$	500.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,466.75

Servant Leadership

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Blog: fathervogel.wordpress.com
Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Announcements

- ☩ Tuesday, March 24th – Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6pm and Dine-in Soup Supper at 6:30pm.
- ☩ Spring Fling meeting following Mass, March 22nd
- ☩ Easter Flower orders are due March 22nd
- ☩ Wednesday, March 25 Generations of Faith – 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Meal at 5:30 pm, Program to follow.
- ☩ **NO** Roll Sunday on April 5th since it falls on Easter Sunday this year. We will be back on May 3rd!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It is probably too late, but we are having our Lenten penance service this Sunday (March 22) after the 10 AM Mass. We will have three priests hearing Confessions, including myself.

Hopefully all the school families have recovered from their spring break adventures. I'm sure I'll hear about them when I visit the kids during lunch this week.

As they have all during Lent, Saint Patrick's has Stations and soup after the 5:30 Mass on Tuesday. Feel free to join us. I can vouch that the soups are very tasty.

Also Tuesday night is the first Saint Mary's Faith Sharing Group for young adults. It will be at 6:30 PM. Please contact Amber Twite for more information.

On Wednesday, Saint Patrick's is having the Generations of Faith monthly event. The subject topic this month is Mercy and Forgiveness. Father McGrath, a retired priest from Preston, will be the speaker.

Today we have another long Gospel reading from John. Today is the story of the rising of Lazarus. Jesus is good friends with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Yet, when Jesus is told that Lazarus is ill, He doesn't go to them right away. He waits three days. Then He heads with disciples back to Judea. Now Jesus is a wanted man. The disciples even say, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" When it was clear they weren't going to change His mind, Thomas says, "Let us also go to die with him." So, the disciples kind of knew what could happen. I think I've mentioned this before, but when I was in seminary, things were trending in maybe not the best way. I would argue that they still are; that it is in some ways harder and harder to be a faithful Catholic Christian in today's society. So, in seminary, back in the late 2000's, not so much in the classroom, but in the hallways, we would talk about what if it became illegal to practice the Catholic faith. What if they even started persecuting or even to putting to death priests. Young men, being young men, we would, with much bravado, say, "Bring it!" Now I'm not sure if we would be as confident in our answer if things were truly that bad, if that became the reality that we lived in. I hope it doesn't get that bad, and I don't think it will. But I would like to think so.

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Easter Youth Choir

All Parish youth are invited to join in singing a hymn before Mass on Easter Sunday. Practice will be in the Church, after Mass, on Sunday March 22nd and Sunday March 29th.

Brownsville Fire & Rescue Fundraiser

Cabin Fever Reliever: Chicken Q \$15 each (tickets available only until 3.30) Live Music. Raffles. Bake Sale.
Saturday, April 11th at 4 pm at Community Center.

Ariana's Story: Ariana was seven months pregnant when she lost her job. Unable to find a new job so late in her pregnancy, she came to Catholic Charities for help. Our social workers were able to help her with one month of rent and connect her to resources she needed for the rest of her payments. We provided a bundle of diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, and other newborn baby items to help her prepare for her son's birth. She welcomed her first son in December with the peace of knowing she could provide what he needed. www.ccsomn.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Training

You are invited to attend a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1A training course on June 1-6, at Cotter Schools in Winona, MN! CGS is a Catholic Montessori-based religious formation program for children, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. The registration deadline is May 4, 2026. For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.cotterschools.org/together-in-community/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>.



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Please consider donating towards our largest fundraiser – **St. Patrick's Spring Fling.**

Now is the time to bring in donated items for the themed baskets, provide your handmade silent auction items, donate gift cards or certificates from businesses, sell & purchase Raffle tickets, bring in small prizes for the children's games, bring in new or gently used jewelry, plan to bake for the bake sale, and plan to volunteer on the day of the event. Please include your name with donation. Hand in your ticket sales and get additional tickets to sell!

The Spring Fling will start with a delicious and hearty breakfast at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 19th, along with basket and ticket raffles, jewelry and silent auctions, Quilt Raffle, bake sale, children's games, and much more!

I would hope that we would be willing to die for Christ, for being a priest, for being a Catholic Christian. Now it is true. When the rubber hit the road, when Jesus was crucified, they all scattered except for John. But what about us? Can we say with Thomas, "Let us also go to die with him"? What are we or what would we be being willing to sacrifice to be with Christ, to be a Catholic Christian? Would we be willing to die for Christ? I hope and pray the answer is, "YES!" Peace of Christ, Fr. Vogel



Join us each Tuesday for Stations of the Cross following the 5:30 p.m. weekday Mass. The Way of the Cross is to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. We will meet each Tuesday until March 31st.

Lenten Soup Suppers

A **Lenten supper** is a meal that takes place in the evening of the Christian liturgical season of **Lent**. This year we will continue the delivery of soup to those that cannot join us and will host a soup supper following the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday during Lent. All are welcome to join in these nights of reflection. A delicious soup supper will welcome our fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors!



Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center in collaboration with Houston County Public Health and Human Services Present:

Brain Health, Aging, and Dementia

A three part series for those interested in learning more

You are invited to join our team from the Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to learn about brain health, memory loss, and current research. There will be plenty of time for conversation and questions.

The following events and topics will be discussed. Please attend the events that work best for you.

Session 1: Building a Better Brain

Featuring **Angela Lunde, MA (1:00pm-3:00pm)**

- Understanding memory as we age
- Reducing dementia risk
- Everyday strategies for optimizing memory

Session 2: When Does Forgetfulness Signal Dementia

Featuring **Stuart McCarter, MD (1:00pm-3:00pm)**

- Memory concerns - when to see your doctor & the value of early diagnosis
- Understanding dementia
- Genetics, managing the disease, and new treatments

Session 3: Demystifying Aging & Dementia Research

Featuring **Tasha Laftin, MA (1:00pm-3:00pm)**

- Overview the types of research that are conducted at Mayo Clinic
- Understand what it means to participate in a research study
- What to consider when thinking about research participation



Thursday, April 9
Thursday, April 16
Thursday, April 23

Cost Free

LOCATION
Houston County Criminal Justice Center Conference Room
306 South Marshall Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

To register, call 507.725.5810 ext. 2254, scan the QR code or copy this hyperlink: <https://qrco.de/Caledonia2026>



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.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.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.