



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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February 1, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Tom & + Delores Serres

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ For Healing of Don Zoubek

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Carol Gavin

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 1

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch

Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel

Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick

Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Jean Meyer

Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

Servers: John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer

Rosary: Frank Dvorak

Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg

Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 8

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell

Ushers: Nick Serres & Dan Boser

Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Karen Colsch

Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Adeline Colsch & Hope Flannery

Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters

Rosary: Virginia Heintz

Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams

Counters: Carmen Barthel & Cindy Dvorak

Church Support: January 25, 2026

Adults: \$ 1,210.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 75.00

Offertory: \$ 135.00

First Offering: \$ 25.00

Mass Stipends: \$ 10.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 500.00

Latin America: \$ 445.00

Votives: \$ 14.25

CCP Annual Dues: \$ 75.00

TOTAL \$ 2,489.25

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel

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Sacramental Emergencies: 507.722.0788

Blog: fathervogel.wordpress.com

Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

☩ February 1st Roll Sunday following Mass.

☩ Tuesday, February 3rd – 5:30 pm Candle Mass – bring in candles for blessings.

☩ Tuesday, February 10th -- NO Mass.

☩ February 15th 2026 Spring Fling Meeting following Mass. You are truly wanted to participate in Event!

☩ February 17th – Parish Council meeting following Mass

☩ Wednesday, February 18th -- Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I pray you have been able to stay warm the past couple of weeks. We do live in Minnesota, so we have no reason to complain...but we still do. Complaining about the weather is a Minnesota hobby.

Today is our first FROG event. This is a youth event for all junior high kids. I know Amber will make it fun and informative. Please encourage your children to attend. The event is at 6pm.

There is also FISH group this Wednesday at 7pm. This is for the high school kids. I know we have a great core group. I would love to see this group grow. Most activities are geared towards being a better person in this life. Which is a good. However, things that are centered on Jesus Christ are geared towards making us a better person for eternity. (This isn't entirely true. Sports can teach us discipline which is a good virtue to have in eternity).

Next weekend we will be blessing throats at Mass. St. Blase's feast day is this coming Tuesday, February 3. St. Blase died in AD 316. He was beheaded after he refused to denounce Jesus Christ. Even during his life, people came to him with their bodily ailments, and through Jesus Christ, Saint Blase would heal them. The story is that as Saint Blase was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death on a fishbone, at his feet. Saint Blase, again through the power of Jesus Christ, cured him on the spot. (I guess they didn't know the Heimlich maneuver.) So down to our day, the tradition is to set two candles around a person's throat and pray through the intercession of Saint Blase for protection against diseases of the throat and other bodily diseases.

This weekend we have the Beatitudes. It seems like half of the Ten Commandments are don't do this, don't do that. Whereas the eight beatitudes are things to do. The Beatitudes outline a way to live a holy life. Some of these are really hard to do, especially in society that tells us to focus on ourselves, to put ourselves first. The Beatitudes instruct us to put God and others first. Jesus also reminds us that the greatest honor we can receive as Christians is to be persecuted and insulted for our love of Jesus Christ.

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Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025

The final numbers are in for CMA25! St. Patrick's Parish was one of 71 parishes who met or surpassed their goal this year and will receive a rebate check to use on local projects.

St. Patrick's Parish 2025 goal: \$6,788.00
Received: \$8,550.00 (126%)
Number of Donors: 28
Amount of Rebate: \$1,762.00

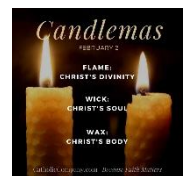
Thank you to our generous donors for supporting vital ministries across our diocese, and helping to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota!



*Blessing of Throats on
the Feast of St. Blaise*

Sunday, February 8th

Candle Mass at St. Patrick's at 5:30 pm on February 3rd



Candle Mass, also known as Candlemas, is a significant Catholic celebration that marks the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary. It is celebrated with the blessing and lighting of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World. The Mass includes the blessing of candles, where the celebrant blesses them. Rooted in ancient Jewish law, it occurs 40 days after Christmas, reflecting the time required for a mother's purification after childbirth. Candles are the defining symbol of Candlemas, representing Christ as the light of the world (Luke 2:32). These candles are often used in homes for prayer, during times of illness, or in liturgical seasons like Lent and Easter. The act of lighting candles during Mass or processions symbolizes the faithful's call to share Christ's light with others.



A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org Questions, call Mary at: 651.454.3238

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Just like Saint Blaise, I pray we have the fortitude and courage to proclaim Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

Peace of Christ, Fr. Vogel

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WOMEN'S
Retreat
Saturday,
March 21, 2026
Keynote speaker: Elizabeth Leen
St. Theodore Church, 315 E. Clark St. Albert Lea, MN

\$50
Per Person

To obtain a Registration Form
Call or email Joanne Tibodeau at 507-373-1646, or
jjt@sttheo.org, or download form at <https://sttheo.org>

Spiritual Direction Sessions

Mary Mell recently completed a three-year training for Spiritual Direction. She is available for Spiritual Direction sessions and is offering an initial 1/2-hour introductory session at no charge. She can be reached at 507-450-4577 or email: mmheaventouch@gmail.com



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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.