



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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April 26, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Ted Barthel

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Jenna Foellmi
Lector: Butch Shuda

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Kathy Carlon

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, April 26

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Mary Mell
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Bill Fitzpatrick & Ann Fitzpatrick

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, May 3

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Nick Serres & Ralph Konkell
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Adeline Colsch

Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Church Support: April 19, 2026

Adults:	\$	595.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	125.00
Offertory:	\$	207.00
Votives:	\$	31.00

TOTAL: \$ 958.00

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Announcements

- ☩ **April 26th** – Fr. McGrath will provide for Mass coverage, as Fr. Vogel will be away on Saturday and Sunday.
- ☩ **May 3rd – May Crowning:** Prior to Mass, parishioners will receive a carnation to take to the Altar of Mary where they will place their flower at Mary's Altar. Dedicated to our Mary, queen of heaven and earth.
- ☩ **May 3rd** – Roll Sunday following Mass. Come join us for Rolls, Fruit and conversations!
- ☩ **May 10th** -- Mother's Day
- ☩ **May 10th** -- There will be a Second Collection for Catholic Charities.
- ☩ **May 17th** -- Bachelorette Mass for our 2026 High School Graduates! Join us following Mass for a gathering and light breakfast.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The great season of Easter continues. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we also remember our mortality. This week we have funeral Masses for Bernard Baumgartner and Nick Gengler. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

Jesus says in today's Gospel that His sheep recognize His voice. Jesus says, because of His voice, His sheep follow Him. I have been reminded recently that all advertising is a shepherd. It is a voice in our lives that tells us how to live. Advertising promises that it will make our lives better. And maybe it will. What advertising, what voice, what shepherd are you listening to?

In some ways, social media is great. Now people can bypass the large, corporate advertising mechanisms and communicate with people more directly. However, social media means that even when we are not watching TV or listening to the radio, because of the connected devices in our pockets, we can be influenced basically 24/7. Do we leave time and space in our lives to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ?

I like to tell the kids they can't learn anything new when they are talking. Do we take time to listen to Jesus in prayer? It is good pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Rosary, and other great prayers of our Catholic Tradition. However, do we ever spend time in silence with Jesus Christ? Do we quiet our hearts enough so that we can listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd? Usually, the voice of the Good Shepherd is not an audible voice, but rather a stirring in our hearts. Maybe as we read and meditate on the Bible readings for Mass during the week, we get the sense that God is asking us to be more patient. Or maybe we get the sense that God wants us to love those who make our lives harder. Or maybe we get the sense that God wants us to say yes to having another child. Or

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our young parishioner, Winston Kies! He recently received his First Holy Communion, on April 19th, with his classmates at St. Mary's in Caledonia. We are proud of him, and we pray that he will continue to know the Lord in the "Breaking of the Bread" each and every Sunday of his life.



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maybe we get the sense that God wants us to support a friend in need. Or maybe we get the sense that God wants us to just continue to sit in silence and just be with Him. Spend some time this week in silence before the Lord and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. We just might learn something.

Peace of Christ, Fr. Vogel



Inspired by Mary's Compassion

Our annual Catholic Charities Appeal is held each Mother's Day Weekend—a time recognized by the Diocese as an opportunity to reflect on the connection between the Blessed Mother and the early work of Catholic Charities, including orphanage and adoption services.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother Mary's loving "yes" to her unborn child, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota continues a mission rooted in compassion and care. More than 75 years later, our mission has grown to serve not only the unborn, but also expectant mothers, individuals, and families—offering support, refuge, stability, and hope through shelter, rent and utility assistance, diapers, essential care, and much more for our local communities. Please consider supporting our mission this Mother's Day, May 10th. Learn more at www.ccsomn.org



April is Volunteer Recognition Month!

God Bless our many volunteers for all that you do to serve God and St. Patrick's Parish!



The APRIL edition of The Courier is available at the Church entrances. Please pick one up today!



Many thanks to all St. Patrick's parishioners who continue to fill the grocery cart and provide food for those in need. Suggested items at this time are: crackers, ramen noodles, spaghetti, raisin bran, and boxed cereal. All other items are appreciated as well!



We had a tremendous turn out and participation last week for the Spring Fling! Results will be coming in a couple of weeks, but it appears we did better than last year! Thank you once again, to the many great volunteers who worked behind the scenes preparing for the day, those who showed up to work last week and to those who came to the breakfast and participated in the raffles, silent auction, bake sale, and children's games. Every single event was a success! Volunteers are the heart of St. Patrick's!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

A blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, April 29th from 12pm to 6 pm at the Hokah Fire Hall.

A Special Mother's Day Concert

TOGETHER SINGING ONE

an evening with the tenors and basses of
The Luren Singing Society
Luther College Norskcor
Decorah HS Bass Clef Ensembles
Decorah MS Viking Voices

Sunday, May 10 at 7:00PM
Decorah Lutheran Church | 309 Winnebago St.

Conductors

David Judisch
Luren Singers

Mark Potvin
Luther Norskcor

Jason Rausch
Decorah HS

Jaime Bizarri
Viking Voices

Free-will offering for the Decorah Area Food Pantry / Refreshments Following

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.