St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin

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Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Donald Hoodecheck

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

5:30 p.m. + Maxine Lennartz &
+ Bonnie Helke Schock
Lector: Debi Shuda

Sunday, November 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. + John Reining

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 15

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Dan Boser & Mike Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Karen Colsch
Choir: Bill Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Kathy Koel & Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: John Carllon & Walker Kohlmeyer
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles Sunday, November 22

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Nick Serres & Ralph Konkel
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Al Christian
Choir: Trece Robson **Precious Blood:** Andrew Robson & Jean Meyer
Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Erin Kies
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: November 8, 2026

Adults:	$	1,010.00
Adult Online Giving:	$	175.00
Offertory:	$	205.00
Help A Student:	$	25.00
Hall Rental - Funeral:	$	200.00
Cemetery Donations:	$	250.00
Choir Donation - Funeral:	$	100.00
Mass Stipends:	$	30.00
TOTAL:	**$**	**1,995.00**

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- **Adoration each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All are invited to stop in and spend some quiet time with the Lord.
- Please remember **St. Patrick's Cemetery.** Contributions are greatly appreciated and go towards the upkeep.
- **Second collection on November 15 for the Campaign for Human Development.**
- **Wednesday, November 18th –Generations of Faith – Praying Through Advent & Christmas** - 5:30-7:30 PM.
- **Parish Council will meet on November 24 at 6:00 pm**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I have procrastinated in handing this into Sonja. Pray for her. I'm sure she will get time off of Purgatory for having to put up with my last-minute things.

On Sunday, after Mass, Auggie Wilfred Petska, son of Dixon and Emily Petska, will be baptized in Caledonia. If you see them, congratulate them on their bundle of joy. (We'll see how much joy he has when I pour water on his head.)

This coming Tuesday, November 17, at 6:15 PM, there is going to be a talk on Estate Planning at the Crucifixion Church in La Crescent. Wealth is not inherently evil. St. Francis felt called to reject all of his family's wealth. So, he started begging for his daily food. But in begging for his food, he relied on people who had hung onto their wealth. Our tax code is often confusing. There are things we can do to make sure that our wealth when we die is used for things we believe in, things that will help the Kingdom of God to grow. I have to admit, I don't know if it is going to be talked about, but the Catholic Church has things to say about our care at the end of our lives. We cannot ask to be killed (euthanasia), but we can ask for medicine to reduce the pain in our last moments of life here on earth. The Church distinguishes between ordinary care and extraordinary care. We are required to do ordinary care (feeding tube as long as the body can naturally digest the nutrients), but we are not required to do extraordinary care. It would be wise to learn what and why the Church teaches what it does in this area. The bottom line is human life is sacred. God is Lord of our lives, from beginning to end. We must respect God's will at both the beginning and the end of our lives.

This weekend we have the parable of the talents. We have been given great gifts in our lives. All we have is ultimately from God. How are we using those gifts? Are we squandering them or are we using them for the good of the Kingdom of God and for others? I know I've mentioned this before, but the line for the Toby McGuire Spiderman comes to mind: "With great power comes great responsibility." Jesus says, "For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but for the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

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GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2026-2027

"Praying through Advent & Christmas"

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our third gathering of our year on Prayer! What can we do to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior? This session will help us discover what the seasons of Advent and Christmas teach us about prayer. Our special guest for the evening will be our good friend, Tom Thibodeau, Distinguished Professor of Servant Leadership at Viterbo University and co-founder of "A Place of Grace" in La Crosse. His energy and enthusiasm will leave you feeling uplifted and excited about being a disciple of Jesus! **We will begin with a delicious complementary supper.** There will be special activities for youth. There is no fee to attend. This is faith formation for everyone – all ages are welcome! **Please bring non-perishable foods or other items to donate to "A Place of Grace".**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign! St. Patrick's Parish donations totaled $889.81!

The gifts you provided during the month of October will continue to impact the lives of new and expectant parents throughout the coming year. Each donation supports a confident pregnancy and a stable beginning for a new baby.

Thank you for supporting the gift of life! Special thanks to Summer Colsch for coordinating the Campaign at our Parish this year!

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

View episodes of "The Chosen" series. Thursday afternoons from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** No commitment. Just come when you can. All adults and high schoolers are welcome. Popcorn and lemonade will be available! (please note change of day and time)

Upcoming Dates: November 19, December 6



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Some have used this to promote a wealth Gospel: that God desires you to be monetarily wealthy and the more wealth you have, the more you are loved by God. This is NOT what Jesus is saying. He is talking spiritually. The more we avail ourselves to God grace and love, the more grace and love we will be able to receive. The more an athlete can works out, the stronger he becomes. The more we exercise our ability to love God and others, the more we will be able to love God and others.

May God bless you and keep you, *Father Vogel*



Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

This year's theme, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," reminds us that Christ calls each of us to share in His mission. Through our generosity, we help support the diocesan programs and services made possible through the CMA.

St. Patrick's Parish 2026 goal:	**$ 6,944.00**
Support Pledged:	**$ 5,605.00 (81%)**
Number of Donors:	**19**

Thank you, donors! If you haven't already given, brochures and envelopes are located at church entrances. Please prayerfully consider helping our Parish to meet our goal in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal!



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. Mass Intentions are $10 per Mass. 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.