





Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m.  + Joe Serres, Jr.

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30 a.m.  + Bobby Ryan
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eucharist Adoration

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 a.m.  + Margaret & + Al Johnson

Liturgical Roles – December 15th

Announcer/Lector: Mary Joyce
Ushers: Nick Serres & Kiel Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Bill Howes
Jan Howes & Karen Colsch
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Abbey Spagl & Adeline Colsch
Rosary: Virginia Albert
Counters: Bill Fitzpatrick & Ben Spagl
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda

Church Support:

December 1, 2019

Adults:	\$	811.00
Offertory:	\$	148.00
Burial Fees:	\$	200.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$	585.00
Christmas Flower Donations:	\$	70.00
Votives:	\$	18.00
Brownsville VFW Donation:	\$	150.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,982.00

Effective November 30th Confessions will take place prior to Sunday Mass: 7:30 am to 7:50 am. Exception to this schedule will be the two weeks prior to Christmas. Confessions for December 17 & 22 will be from 7:20 am to 7:50 am. Thank you.

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. John L. Evans, II
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Contacts:

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Crucifixion Parish Office: 507-895-4720

Second Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- **No Tuesday Mass** on the First Tuesday of every month. Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** that will be held on those **Tuesday's from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.**
- **December 8th, and 15th** -- Collection at each entrance following Mass for Christmas plants that adorn the Altar.
- **December 8** – Second collection for Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic University
- **December 8** -- Catholic Council of Parishioners (CCP) Quarterly Meeting for all parishioners following Mass

Season of Advent

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. The candles are often set in a circular Advent wreath.



The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

The **fifth candle** represents **light and purity** and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY YOUTH CHOIR

All youth in the Parish are invited to join in singing before Mass on Christmas Day. Rehearsals will be in the Hall: Sunday, December 8, 15 and 22 after Mass and Wednesday December 18 at 4:30 p.m.. Please come and help us make a joyful noise to welcome our Lord and Savior on this joyous day!



Many thanks to all of you who have generously supported St. Patrick's Parish this past year. Contributions intended for 2019 must be received by Sunday, December 27. Financial statements for 2019 will be available by the end of January 2020.

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 21 – 1:00-4:00 PM

1:00-2:00 Christmas Cookie Decorating

2:00-3:00 Christmas Caroling and delivering cookies to the homebound and various friends and neighbors

3:00-4:00 Back to the Hall for lunch, games & prizes



If you would be willing to join us and help spread some Christmas cheer in our community please RSVP to Debi at 507-482-6892



or email debishuda@msn.com.

The party is for both adults and youth – bring your children,

grandchildren, or a friend. If you know someone who would like a visit from the Carolers please contact Debi.

Everyone is Welcome!!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This year, the feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday, December 9. The obligation to attend Mass, however, is not transferred.

New Optional Memorial

Recently, Pope Francis issued a decree establishing the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto in the universal calendar for the Roman Rite. This new feast will occur on December 10 and may be celebrated beginning this year.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Patrick's Wednesday, December 25 at 8:30 am

Crucifixion Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 & 9:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30 am

St. Mary's Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 & 9:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25 at 9:30 am



*This coming
Tuesday is our
parish Communal
Penance Service.*

St. Patrick's Parish
Brownsville, MN

December 8, 2019

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In Sunday's Gospel, people from all Judea were going out to John the Baptist to confess their sins and be Baptized.

Advent is a time of grace for those who make use of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This coming Tuesday is our parish Communal Penance Service. One of the frequent comments that I hear is, "it just seems that I confess the same thing all the time." In reality, we go through different periods of our lives, where it takes time to be healed of particular areas where we "miss the mark." For example, a parent with very young children will repeatedly confess "impatience." However, a grandparent will be filled with pride over the grandchildren and will focus on other areas in their faith journey.

Don't miss this privilege to celebrate God's goodness to you. Mark your calendar for this Tuesday with several confessions or plan to make use of any of the regular times.

God Bless,
Fr. Evans

Bulletin Announcements

Persons interested in placing information in the St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin and/or you would like the Lector to announce in church can send their request to Jean Meyer at jeanm@acegroup.cc or call at 507-482-6720. Announcements submitted by Thursday at 4:00 p.m. will be included in the Sunday Bulletin, based on space.

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.

Stipends for Mass Intentions 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. Provide with stipend; if the intention is for a deceased family or friend or a special event, to whom the intention is for and if you have a special date that you would like the intention to fall on or close to. Mass Intentions are assigned on a first come basis for either Sunday or Tuesday.

Requests for the Prayer Network may be called in to Carmen Moriarty at 507.482.6737 or emailed to her at moriarty@acegroup.cc

Reconciliation is available **each Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.** Confessions are taken in the back of the church, in a small room. A light will be turned on when Father is hearing a confession.