



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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November 27, 2022

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Phyllis & + Armin Foellmi

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Deceased members of Msgr. Speltz KofC Council #515

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bill Howes

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 27

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Nick Serres & Dan Hurley
Eucharistic Minister: Choir: Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: McCallson/Waters Family
Servers: Brynn Waters & Sabrina TenKley
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, December 4

Announcer/Lector: Vincent Colsch
Ushers: Ralph & Janice Konkol
Eucharistic Minister: Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: Justin Riederer & John Carlon
Rosary: Joe Blahnik
Children's Lectionary: Jenny Riederer
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Church Support: November 20, 2022

Adults:	\$	748.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	195.00
Offertory:	\$	111.65
Mass Stipends:	\$	130.00
Campaign for Human Dvlpmnt:	\$	551.00
Baby Bottle Campaign:	\$	116.97
Votives:	\$	11.00

TOTAL \$ 1,862.97

Servant Leadership

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First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- ☩ **Parish Council meeting** Tuesday November 29 at 6 pm
- ☩ **Collections for Poinsettias following Mass on December 4, 11, and 18.**
- ☩ **Roll Sunday** following Mass on December 4th
- ☩ **Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be at St. Patrick's on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 pm. St. Mary's will have Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:10 pm and Dec. 8 at 8:30 am.
- ☩ **Second collection on December 11, for Retirement Fund for Religious/Catholic University**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

In this season of Advent, we prepare in a focused, and intentional way on **preparing our hearts, minds, and souls** for the coming of Jesus Christ.

As I was leaving for my trip a few weeks ago, I had done my best to arrange things so that lodging, transportation, luggage, and all the details of where we were going and what we were doing were (generally) made, so that we could enjoy our time away. To get to a place where we were absolutely ready, everything was booked, and all we had to do was show up was a good amount of work! As we were waiting for the train one day, I got to thinking:

If I prepare this much for a trip, which is only 9-10 days, how much more ought we prepare for eternal life. It's in our daily prayers, faithfully coming to Mass, participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and our study and knowledge of God's Word that we come to know who God is, and how incredible His love is for us.

May we spend this sacred time of preparation in a dedicated, intentional way, and look forward to welcoming Jesus into hearts today, and each day of our lives.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt Wagner

Please refer to the Advent Calendar posted around the Church, and found at Church entrances for additional Mass, Confession, and Adoration times this Advent season. **Please also note that there will not be Adoration or Confessions on Wednesday, Nov. 30th.** I apologize for the misprint!

There are only a few **Little Blue Advent Books** left so please pick yours up today after Mass. Spend just 6 minutes a day, with the Lord, each day of Advent. These short little reflections can change your day....change your life.

Christmas Youth Choir

All youth in the Parish are invited to join in singing before Christmas Mass. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Loft on the following Sundays after Mass:



December 4, 11, and 18

Also Friday **December 23 at 4:30 p.m.**



Please come and help us make a joyful noise as we welcome our Lord and Savior!

St. Patrick's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17, 2022



2:00 p.m. Cookie Decorating

3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling and delivering cookies to the homebound and various friends and neighbors

4:00 p.m. Back to the Church for lunch, games and prizes

If you would like to join us for all, or part of the party, and help spread some Christmas cheer in our community, please call or text Debi at 507-459-0563.



The party is for both adults and children. Bring a friend - everyone is welcome!

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Andrew Wednesday, November 30



St Andrew was one of the Apostles. He was the first to follow Jesus, and he quickly went to his brother Peter and told him he had found the Messiah. St Andrew had first been a disciple of John the Baptist, but when John shouted out, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" pointing to Jesus, Andrew believed and followed the Lord. Like all good followers of Jesus, he did not keep it to himself, but went out and brought others to Jesus. He died a martyr, as did all the Apostles except John. Andrew was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X". If only all of us would do as Andrew did, and bring at least one other person to God, to this parish, to the Faith. Our Church would flourish!

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.

Lectors needed for Tuesday Mass

We are blessed at St. Patrick's Church to have an additional Mass during the week so we may gather to hear the Word and receive the Body of Christ. As disciples of Jesus we are called to serve. If you are willing to serve as lector once per month, at Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Mass, please contact Jean Meyer. Thanks! **We serve an awesome God!**

Christmas Décor



Each year we ask for donations for the purchase of our Christmas plants. Your donation allows us to adorn the altar and entrance with holiday arrangements. Parishioners will have collection baskets at each door following Mass on December 4, 11, and 18.

Thank you!



Semcac Food Shelf

Please consider donating canned and package food. Donations can be dropped off during the month in the shopping cart located in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support!

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**. Confessions are taken in the confessional located at the back of the church.