



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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November 28, 2021

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Deceased members of Lennartz Family

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

5:30 p.m. + Bernice & + Charles Graf, Sr.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. For The Parishioners

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 28

Announcer/Lector: Laura Eglinton
Ushers: Greg Foellmi & Dan Boser
Eucharistic Minister: **Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: McCallson/Waters Family
Servers: Sabrina TenKley & Brynn Waters
Rosary: Teresa Colsch
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda
Counters: Bill Fitzpatrick & Mike Moriarty

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, December 5

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Nick Serres & Greg Foellmi
Eucharistic Minister: **Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: Vincent Colsch & Justin Riederer
Rosary: Joe Blahnik
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: November 21, 2021

Adults:	\$	960.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	325.00
Offertory:	\$	117.00
All Saints:	\$	5.00
Cmpgn for Human Dvlpmnt:	\$	700.00
Hall Rental:	\$	200.00
Kwik Trip Rebate:	\$	17.72
Votives:	\$	10.00

Total: \$ 2,334.72

Servant Leadership

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First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- Adoration** each Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday, November 30 at 6pm
- Roll Sunday** following Mass December 5th
- Christmas Poinsettia Collection** after Mass December 5, 12, and 19
- Vigil Mass on Tuesday December 7th** for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
- Second Collection December 12th** for the Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic University

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Advent is a time of hope in the midst of darkness. Our Savior was born on the darkest day of the year in the midst of winter, to be a "light" to all peoples. In the midst of the many crises that we are experiencing in our world, we as Christians respond by prayer to a God who constantly redeems his people. Our focus is on God and what God has done and is doing. We say "yes" to our God who loves life into each one of us!

Fr. Armand Nigro, S.J., writes, "Just thinking about God is not prayer. When I am thinking about you, you are the focal point of my thoughts, but that is not *communication* with you. Prayer is a person-to-person communication with God. If I am thinking *about* God or the life of Christ and what he has done, that is holy, meritorious, good and helpful for prayer, but it is not essentially prayer."

During this Advent time, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, make use of this season to acknowledge God's presence, to thank Him, and to respond lovingly to Him, who first loved us.

Fr. Evans

Christmas Eve Youth Choir

All youth in the Parish are invited to join in singing before Mass on Christmas Eve. Meet in the Hall for rehearsals on the following Sundays after Mass:



December 5th, 12th, and 19th



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

New and Gently Used Coat Drive



If you have a new or gently used winter coat, jacket or accessories that you would be willing to donate, you can drop them off at St. Patrick's Hall. Dan Hurley is working to place the items for those in need. We will be collecting over the next couple of weeks. Any help you can give is appreciated. Please make sure any used items have working zippers or all buttons, has no tears or damage and is clean.

Advent Wreath Blessing

Father, we praise you for sending your Son to save us from our sins and to be light in our darkness. Bless (+) us as we gather in his name, and bless (+) this wreath as a sign of his light among us. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



Generations of Faith 2021/2022 Acting for Justice and Peace

Thank you to all who attended our November gathering on Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Father Evans for coming to teach us on *Care for God's Creation*. We discovered that we are not only responsible for human dignity, but also for the care of all other living things God created and entrusted to us. We have a moral obligation to create a better world for our grandchildren. We are also grateful to all who participated in our presentation and reading of *The Creation Story*, the talk on *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*, and making the *7 days of creation* ornaments with our youth. The potluck was delicious! Thanks to all who came and participated in growing in our faith! Our 4th gathering for this season will be **Wednesday, January 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** when we will take a look at what our Catholic faith teaches us about *Solidarity*. We are looking forward to Tom Thibodeau as our special guest speaker this time! We will begin with a **Potluck Supper** followed by the program. There will be special classes for children. Please save the date!



Missionary Discipleship

As we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the Birth of the One who commissions us to be his disciples, it is a celebration of who God is and who we are called to be. We are asking that you take

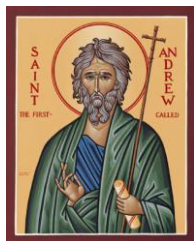
this request to your own daily prayer and reflect on what this means in your own life and what it can mean to the life of our parish.

THANK YOU to all who are serving in a variety of ministries, committees, and each one of you, who gather for worship!

Fr. Evans

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Feast day of St Andrew – Wednesday, November 30

Andrew was one of the twelve Apostles and was before that one of the first disciples of John the Baptist. His brother was Peter. Andrew heard Jesus preach, and then went to Peter and brought him to Jesus. He, along with the Apostle Philip, brought Gentiles to Jesus, told Jesus about the boy with the fish and bread that Jesus took and fed the 5000, and after the Ascension went to many regions preaching the Gospel. He was crucified for his faith. St. Andrew is an example for us to bring others to Christ by reaching out to them and then accompanying them into the Faith.



Happy 100th Birthday to Richard Becker on Dec 3rd!

Richard's family is hosting an Open House on December 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall, in Brownsville. All are welcome! If you would like to send Richard a Birthday Card, you may send to 189 McIntosh East, La Crescent.



Food Shelf Donations

Our theme for December will be food items for holiday meals. Other items are also

appreciated. The food will be delivered prior to Christmas. The Semcac Caledonia Food Shelf is grateful for your support!

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 Debi Shuda or 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 5, 12, and 19. ***Thank you!***

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.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.org and click on the 'Online Giving' link or set up automatic payment plan at 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.