



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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September 8, 2024

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Bill Howes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

5:30 p.m. For A Parishioners Health

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Dale & + Fern Richards

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, September 8

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Minister: Host: Fr. Joe
Precious Blood: Jan Howes **Choir:** Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Adeline Colsch & Sabrina TenKley
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams
Counters: Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, September 15

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Ralph & Janice Konkel
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Fr. Joe
Precious Blood: Bill Fitzpatrick **Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Barb & Ken Wiese
Servers: Jackson Zaiger & Colin Flannery
Rosary: Virginia Heintz
Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Church Support: September 1, 2024

Adults:	\$ 1,845.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 165.00
Offertory:	\$ 127.00
Help A Student:	\$ 30.00
Hall Rental:	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$ 160.00
CCP Funeral Lunch:	\$ 100.00
Votives:	\$ 22.00
CCP Rolls Donation:	\$ 67.00
Choir Donation:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,766.00

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- Generations of Faith will be Wednesday, September 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.** Come join the fun!
- Community Concert at Brownsville Ball Park, Sunday September 15th at 3pm.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket!
- Fr. Vogel will be attending Okoboji Presbyteral Days September 23rd through the 26th
- There will be **NO Mass on Tuesday, September 24th.** Adoration will still be available from 9am to 2pm.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this, details are coming in about the school shooting in Georgia. Two students and two teachers are dead. The gunman was only 14. Also, tomorrow, I'm going to a funeral in Rochester for a young man who committed suicide. This has got to stop. But it is not going to. These are complicated issues involving social media, broken families, gun access, bullying, housing, discrimination, socio-economic tensions, etc., even religion. People used to identify with their family, their nationality, their nation, their Christian faith, even as a beloved son or daughter of God. As I have mentioned before, it was interesting to watch the athletes at Minnesota State that were involved in our Newman Center. These athletes had dedicated hours and hours to being good enough at their sport to play at the college level. Some of them had been playing since before they were in kindergarten. So much work and dedication had gone into their sport. And then one day, at the end of their college career, it was over. No more practices, no more games to prepare for, no more reason to go lift or work out except to keep in personal bodily shape. For some, this was hard transition. Their sport had been their identity for almost 20 years. "I am a hockey player." "I am a basketball player." "I am a wrestler." But now I'm not. Who am I? I would tell them again and again that their true foundational identity is in Christ, in God. Their foundational identity is they are a beloved son or daughter of God and they are loved infinitely not for how good they are at their sport, but because God loves them enough to create them and to continue to hold their existence in the palm of His hand. So until our culture becomes more grounded in family, in nationality, in faith, in an identity outside of oneself, the only answer that is going to help is Jesus Christ, is God.

One day, the thing you are good at is going to end, academics, sports, even driving. I have been visiting the homebound this past week. A lot of them can't drive anymore. So even if you are a NASCAR driver, some day that will end. However, being a beloved son or daughter is never going to change. Jesus really is the answer to our problems. We must put our identity in eternal things... no not eternal things, in eternal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Sorry, this is more than you bargained for when you started reading this article.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Paphnutius

This saint was an Egyptian who spent several years in the desert under the direction of the great St. Antony. Paphnutius was later made a bishop. He suffered torture from the Emperor and was sent to labor in the salt mines. Later he was released but continued to suffer greatly. Because of his suffering, he was an outstanding figure in the Council of Nicea where he defended the truths of Jesus humanity and divinity. He was a friend of St Anthonasius, who together with St Paphnutius defended the Catholic faith from the Arians.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2024-2025 "PROFESSING OUR FAITH"



Generations of Faith will begin on September 18th with Father Vogel as our speaker! This is our faith formation program at St. Patrick's Parish. All Catholics and their guests are encouraged to attend, single adults as well as families. God wants us to become continuous learners of our faith so we can go out into the world and lead others to Him. Come, and stoke your love of learning about the faith!

We begin with a Potluck Supper, followed by music, drama, prayer, activities, guest speakers, and special learning sessions for children and youth.

This year, we will focus on The Creed. We say it every Sunday at Mass. What do we believe? Early Christians debated this question. These core beliefs were written down and became our Creed. There is no fee or pre-registration required.

Please join us on the following Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.: September 18~October 23~December 4~January 22~February 19~March 19. You will receive a letter this week with a card containing all of the dates for this year. There is a magnet on the back so attach it to your refrigerator as a reminder of Generations of Faith!

Set aside just 6 evenings this year to gather with your parish family and help in handing on the faith to the next generation!

It's just what is on my heart this morning.

Back to the readings, in the Gospel today Jesus heals a deaf man. And not only is the man's ears opened, but is able to speak normally. Usually people who are deaf do not speak plainly or clearly. As a teacher once told me, there is a reason we have two ears and only one mouth. And as I like to tell people, you can't learn anything new when you are talking. So let's spend this week really listening to one another. Let's take time to listen to what's on one another's hearts. Listen to the awkward kid at school. Call and listen to your parents or grandparents that you haven't talk to in a while. Or maybe a sibling or friend that you haven't contacted recently. Let's conquer loneliness and isolation by listening to one person, one phone call, one FaceTime call at a time.

God loves you and so do I,

Father Vogel



Semcac Food Shelf

Items most in need for September are canned fruits and vegetables, saltine crackers, cereal: rice krispies, frosted mini wheat's, or generic. Thank you for your donations and for helping to provide food for those in need.

Student Tuition Assistance

Annual proceeds from the "Howes Scholarship" and the "Help a Student" fund were sent to the schools in August to assist with tuition costs for the 2024-2025 school year. We are grateful to all who are contributing to these funds. Thank you for helping our young people to receive a faith-based education!

Altar Flowers

Parishioners who bring flowers to adorn the Altar:
September 1st : In Memory of Alice & Lee Mottugh
and Earl & Florence Meyer



by John & Martha Meyer

KC Corner

There will be a breakfast Sunday, September 15th from 8 am to 11:30 am at St. Peter's School in Hokah. Our KC Council will organize, provide supplies, and cook the meal, with the proceeds to benefit St. Peters School. Come and support the cause, and enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, coffee, and OJ. A free-will offering is requested at the door. 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.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.