St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin

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Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Bill Puent

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

5:30 p.m. + Jamie Conniff

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Deceased members of the Gregory & Josephine Abnet Family

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, October 25

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Ann Fitzpatrick
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch & Jean Meyer
Gift Bearers: Marth & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Debi Shuda
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles Sunday, November 1

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Kathy Koel
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Virginia Heintz
Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Church Support: October 18, 2026

Adults:	$	800.00
Adult Online Giving:	$	125.00
Offertory:	$	146.00
Cemetery Donation:	$	150.00
World Mission:	$	618.00
Votives:	$	30.50
Baby Bottle Campaign:	$	110.00
TOTAL:	**$**	**2,059.50**

Servant Leadership
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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Sacramental Emergencies: 507.722.0788
Blog: fathervogel.wordpress.com
Podcast: Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

Thirtieth 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.
- **If you have missed out on your picture taken for the Parish Directory and would like to submit a photo of your own, please contact Jean Meyer or Gracie Bruggeman as soon as possible.**
- **November 1st – Roll Sunday.** Please join fellow parishioners following Mass for rolls and fruit.
- **Wednesday, November 18th –Generations of Faith – Praying Through Advent & Christmas** - 5:30-7:30 PM.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How are you all doing? Hopefully you have found your coats somewhere in the back of the closet. Even so, the weather has been amazing for mid-October. Let's just say I have spent a good amount of time outside.

I just want to say something about funeral Masses. I understand the idea of focusing on the positive. I try and do this every day. However, death, in one way is not a good thing. When we look at the world that God created before the Fall, Adam and Eve were set to live forever in the Garden of Eden. God put the Tree of Life in the middle of the Garden. However, once the Fall happens, God, in His mercy, allows Adam and Eve to die so that they do not have to live forever in a fallen world. Even though as Christians we know that we live forever and have the opportunity, thanks to Jesus' death and resurrection, to spend eternity with God in heaven (which is a greater gift tan eternal life in the Garden of Eden), there is a loss when people die. Human life, even here on earth, is good. Thus, it is okay to be sad and mourn when someone we love dies. I think funeral Masses strike this balance. The way the Catholic Church structures funeral Masses allows for loved ones to grieve but also reminded of the hope we have in Jesus Christ of eternal life with God in heaven.

As Catholics we also believe in Purgatory. In Matthew 5:48, Jesus says, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." As a priest, I can vouch that most of us do not die perfect. Yes, people who die love Jesus and have a relationship with Him but are not yet perfect. Thankfully there is a place to finish our preparations for being in the very presence of the Trinity. If one doesn't wear special glasses when one is looking at the sun, you will destroy your eyesight. If we don't prepare for heaven by being purified of our bad habits, attachment to sin, and other things that are not of God, then we would be destroyed by the sheer goodness of God. As Catholics, we believe we are one Church. There is the Church Triumphant in heaven. There is the Church Militant on earth. And there is the Church Purgative in Purgatory. We can all pray for each other. However, tradition

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GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2026-2027

"Praying the Rosary"

We had an amazing evening at Generations of Faith on Wednesday! Thank you to all who made the sacrifice to be there. Just by being there, it tells our youth that our faith is important to us. Thank you to the Hurleys and friends for the delicious supper! And, to our readers and awesome skit actors who educated us on the history of the Rosary. Thanks to those who shared their stories on how the Rosary has been an important part of your life. Our special guest, Kristi Schmitz, shared her story with us. Her faith witness on how the Rosary and the Blessed Mother brought her to Jesus and lifted her up was amazing. We are so grateful for her testimony! Our "Living Rosary" at the conclusion of the evening was a beautiful prayer experience. It left us feeling blessed and inspired in our faith! It truly was a joyful, faith-filled night! Our next gathering, "Praying Through Advent and Christmas", will be **Wednesday, November 18.** Please mark your calendars!

Music Ministry

St. Patrick's Parish is seeking a music minister. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to accompanying the choir at 8 a.m. Sunday Mass, Holy Day, and other special Masses; leading a rehearsal; learning and selecting music for the Masses.

Contact Debi Shuda for more info. 507-459-0563.

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!
View episodes of "The Chosen" series. Thursday evenings 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)

Dates: October 29, November 5, 12, 19



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says the souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves. God allows our prayers to help purify the souls in Purgatory and speed up their movement from Purgatory to Heaven. The greatest prayer we have is the Mass. Thus, the most effective prayer we have for purifying souls in Purgatory is the Mass. This is why it is so important to have a funeral Mass for the deceased. There is no greater prayer, there is no greater gift to give the deceased, than to have a funeral Mass for them. This is why, even when much of the extended family is not Catholic, I encourage them to have a funeral Mass for the deceased. The second greatest gift one can give the deceased is to have a Mass said with the Mass intention being for the deceased. Now if the deceased is already in heaven, the graces of the Mass are given to another poor soul in Purgatory. So please, please, even if the deceased for some reason doesn't want a funeral Mass said for them, please do what is best for them and have a funeral Mass said for them anyways.

This weekend, Jesus talks about the two greatest commandments. To love God and to love our neighbor. Notice the order. If we love God well, then we will be able to love our neighbor even better than we could on our own. We need to allow the love of God to fuel our love of our neighbor. When we let God love us and love Him back, then we can love others with the supernatural love of God.

May God bless and keep you,

Father Vogel

ST. PATRICK'S HALLOWEEN "TRUNK OR TREAT"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Our 4th annual "Trunk or Treat" event will be held at the Church parking lot. We'll park our vehicles, decorate our trunks for Halloween, or wear a costume, and hand out treats to the "trick or treaters". It will be a great way to show our community spirit!

We need some volunteers to join us! Please call or text Debi if you can help. 507-459-0563. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, there will be a basket in the hall. Better yet, bring your bag of candy and join us in the parking lot to hand out treats, even if you don't have time to decorate your vehicle. Hope to see you there! 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. 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.

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Next week we will be collecting the Baby Bottles that have been collecting your spare change. Please return your filled bottles by October 31. Donating to the Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign is a powerful way to live out the message of Respect Life Month. Your support gives new and expectant mothers the help they need, so they can choose life with hope and dignity.

Every bottle is a message that they are not alone, and that their baby's life matters. **How can you help? Pick up a baby bottle in the Hall, fill with change, cash, or check. Return the bottle by October 31.** Thank you for helping us bring hope to mothers and babies in need - your generosity truly makes a difference!

Semcac Food Shelf

Items most in need during the month of October are: Stuffing, gravy, French style green beans, saltines, cheesy snack crackers. Thank you to those who donate and keep the cart filled each month. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

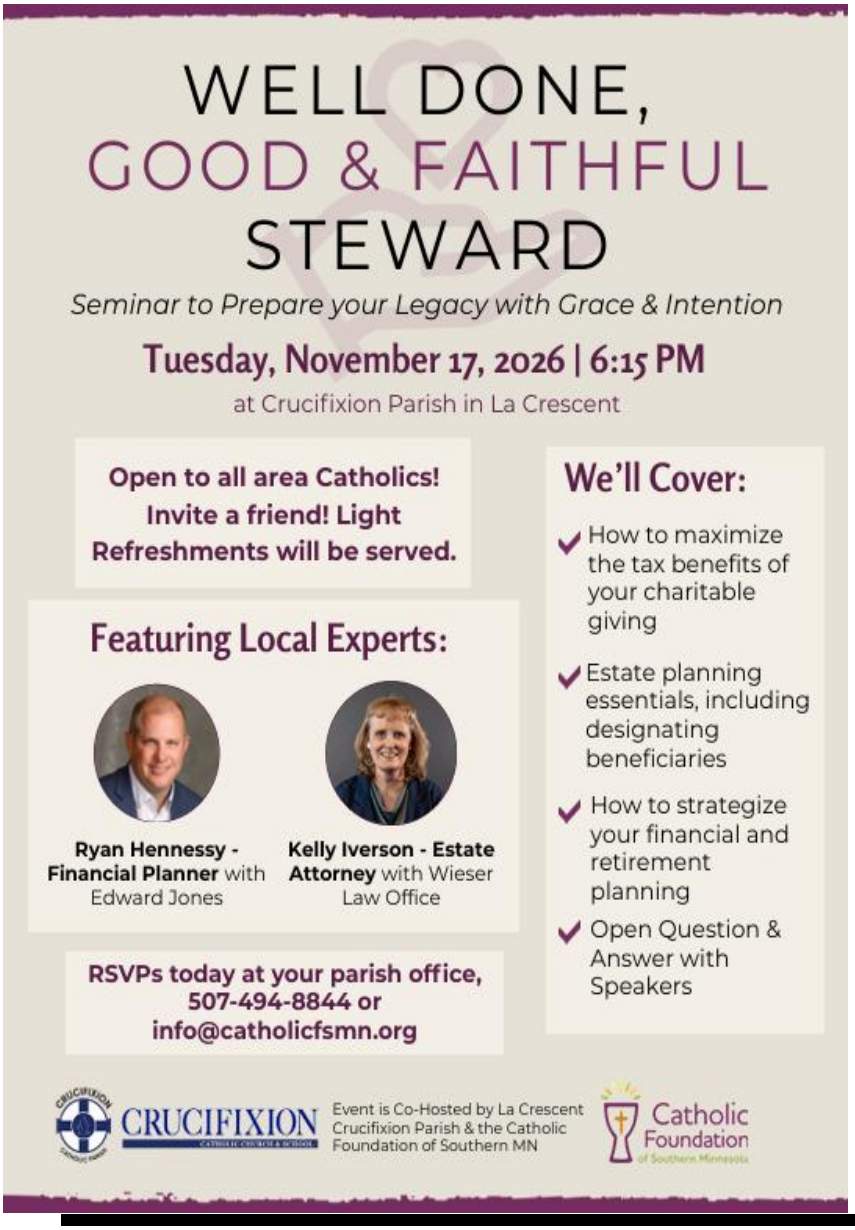
"I Will Make You Fishers of Men," Through our generosity, we help support the diocesan programs and services made possible through the CMA.

St. Patrick's Parish 2026 goal:	**$ 6,944.00**
Support Pledged:	**$ 5,280.00 (76%)**
Number of Donors:	**15**

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!

The **OCTOBER** edition of *The Courier* is available at the Church entrances. Please pick one up today!





You're Invited!

Tuesday, November 17th at 6:15 pm La Crescent - Crucifixion parish is hosting a seminar on preparing your legacy with grace and intention.

Planning ahead is an act of love and stewardship. This free event will offer guidance on estate planning, charitable giving, planning for retirement and much more - all rooted in Catholic values.

- Father Evans will provide an introduction and opening prayer
- Ryan Hennessy, a financial planner with Edward Jones, will present on financial and retirement planning and how to maximize the tax benefit of your charitable giving
- Kelly Iverson, an estate attorney with Wieser Law Office, will present the essentials of estate planning, designating beneficiaries and organizing your records
- Joe Bakken and Elizabeth Williams, with the @Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota, will be available to answer questions on charitable giving options and vehicles.

This is a valuable opportunity for individuals and families to learn how to prepare effectively and ensure that your legacy reflects your faith.

The event is open to all, so bring a friend or family member. To RSVP visit the Facebook event page or contact the Catholic Foundation at info@catholicfsmn.org or 507-494-8844. https://www.facebook.com/share/1Eq6C1jioi/