



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin




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September 7, 2025


Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Delores Serres

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

5:30 p.m.  + John Ramsden

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Al & + Clarice Bradford

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, September 7

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Mary Mell
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Aleigha Burg
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, September 14

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes
Gift Bearers: Teresa & Steve Colsch Family
Servers: Sabrina TenKley & Sophia TenKley
Rosary: Virginia Heintz
Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams
Counters: Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

Church Support: August 31, 2025

Adults:	\$ 1,330.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 100.00
Offertory:	\$ 83.00
Help A Student:	\$ 100.00
Assumption Offering:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 60.00
Cemetery Donation:	\$ 100.00
Votives:	\$ 12.50
Food Shelf Donation:	\$ 72.00

TOTAL \$ 1,867.50

Servant Leadership

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ✠ September 7th Join fellow parishioners for Roll Sunday
- ✠ September 14th – Special collection for Gaza and surrounding areas
- ✠ Wednesday, September 24th – Generations of Faith -- Potluck begins at 5:30 pm, Program 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
- ✠ September 28th -- Special collection for Freeburg Cemetery.
- ✠ Fall Clean Up Day on Saturday, October 11th from 9am to 1pm. Please come join in preparing our grounds.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

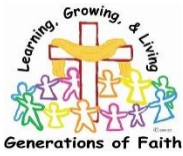
Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. After meeting with Chief Zehnder, Rebecca (the school principal), and Arleen, he affirmed that what we did was a great start to increasing our student's safety. So, for the time being for Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays, the doors of the church will remain locked. Parents and grandparents can call the office ahead of time, then be at the school entrance by 8:15, and then taken into the church from there.

I have had discussions with other priests...I have reflected in my own prayer...and some of you have written...are we teaching our young people to live in fear? Isn't this what the shooter wanted? For us to change our lives and to live in constant fear? Didn't Jesus say, "Do not be afraid?" Yes, we should be worried about our bodily safety, but isn't our eternal life even more important? Yes, we should be careful, but isn't standing up for our faith and willing to be a martyr for Jesus an even greater good? Yes, all of these things are TRUE. However, not everyone is in the same place. I want to make sure that our parents and our children feel safe to come to Mass. It is my full intention that through time and logical steps, we will get back to a place where all are welcome. As Arleen pointed out, there is something truly inspiring to see our young people lead us in worship by reading, singing, or altar serving.

For the next two weekends (September 13-14 and 20-21), I will be doing teaching Masses in Caledonia and Brownsville. This means that I will be stopping every once in a while, and explaining why we do what we do during Mass. This means that Mass will be a little longer than usual; maybe even upwards of an hour and fifteen minutes. This idea was brought up by the St. Mary's Pastoral Council as a way to continue to deepen the faith and our appreciation of the Mass. Hopefully this leads to a deeper relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us that it will cost us something to be His disciple. Sometimes, being a follower Jesus can even cost us relationships with family and friends. I know this has been true for people who have converted to Catholicism

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GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2025-2026

Our new season of Generations of Faith will begin soon!

We will come together again as a parish, for family-centered faith formation, to grow in our understanding and love of the Faith. We will gather one Wednesday evening per month on the following dates from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

September 24, 2025

November 19, 2025

February 25, 2026

October 22, 2025

January 28, 2026

March 25, 2026

Our theme this year is "Living a Moral Life: The Commandments and Life in Christ" We will be taking a look at the Ten Commandments and practical ways to live them out in our daily lives. The Commandments are core to our faith and so important for us to review, and for our youth to learn and understand them. Our first session, on September 24, will begin with a complimentary spaghetti supper, followed by music, drama, youth classes, and a special guest presenter: Father Jonathan Fasnacht, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo and Holy Redeemer Parishes in St. Charles, MN.

No fee or pre-registration to attend. Come alone, come with your family, or bring a friend! All are welcome!

Wilmington Lutheran Church Meatball Dinner

Sunday, October 12 Serving 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Drive Through only

From the Fest Building in Spring Grove

On Sunday, September 14, **St. Felix Church & School** will be hosting their **Annual Fall Festival** from 9am to 5pm in the St. Felix Auditorium and School Grounds in Wabasha. The day will feature a Fireman Water Fight, grilled chicken dinners, the farm store, general and specialty auctions, a bounce house, tootsie roll booth, lots of raffles, tons of prizes and so much more. Join us for food, fun and friendship. All proceeds go to St. Felix School. For more information call 651-565-4446.

Bible Study

St. Patrick's Bible Study will meet every Tuesday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the rectory (parish house). Come whenever you can and learn how to pray with the Bible. All adults are invited to attend. Deacon Bob



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I also know priests who went to seminary against their parents will because they realize that obeying God was even more important than obeying their parents. What is the cost of being a disciple of Jesus for you? What is the cost of following God's will for your life? Are you willing to pay those costs? What are we willing to give up for our relationship with God? And ultimately, what are we willing to give up for eternal life in heaven with God?

Peace and grace,

Father Vogel

Faith Lutheran of Blackhammer Annual Meatball Supper

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, Serving: 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Menu: Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Buns/Lefse, Dessert & Beverage Cost: Adults & Carry outs: \$15.00, Ages 5-12: \$5.00, Under 5: Free

Second Collection for relief efforts in Gaza

The USCCB has been working diligently to establish a way to support those who are suffering in Gaza. As part of that effort, Bishop Barron is heeding the call for a second collection. A **second collection will be taken September 14** to support the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Service (CRS) in their relief efforts. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at www.cnewa.org and www.crs.org.



2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal
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The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The CMA is more than just a fundraiser. It's a way for us to come together, help others grow in their faith, provide for the poor, and continue the incredible work of Christ in our community.

St. Patrick's Parish 2025 Goal : \$6,788.00

Received: \$5,180.00 (76%)

Number of Donors: 18

Every donor counts as we fund Catholic Ministries, education and evangelism in Southern MN. Please prayerfully consider what is feasible for your family - \$30, \$300, or \$3,000 - every gift matters to help us reach our Parish goal. If you haven't already contributed, there are envelopes available at the Church entrances. Or you may give online at www.catholicfsmn.org Thank you for your contributions!

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.