



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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February 22, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Vince & + Rosine Bauer

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ Health of a Parishioner

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Deceased members of Fitzpatrick Family

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 22

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 1

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Jean Meyer
Gift Bearers: Nicole & Brent Carlon Family
Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Heidi Grams
Counters: Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

Church Support: February 15, 2026

Adults:	\$ 2,055.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 125.00
Offertory:	\$ 145.00
Help A Student:	\$ 200.00
First Offering:	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$ 385.00
Church in E. Europe:	\$ 20.00

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Servant Leadership

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First Sunday of Lent

Announcements

- ☩ Tuesday, February 24th – Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6pm and Dine-in Soup Supper at 6:30pm.
- ☩ Wednesday, February 25th -- Generations of Faith Program 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- ☩ Sunday, March 1st -- Join us for Roll Sunday – enjoy delicious rolls, fruit, coffee & juice with fellow parishioners
- ☩ Tuesday, March 3rd – Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6pm and Dine-in Soup Supper at 6:30pm.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In case you were wondering (and I'm sure you were not), I did get out golfing last Monday. February 16th is the earliest I have golfed in the upper Midwest since I started keeping track in 2010. Last weekend was just beautiful weather for mid-February. This weekend, not so much. However, it is still February so we should expect cold weather.

Today's Gospel takes place right after Jesus' baptism. Before Jesus goes on mission, He is filled up and then tested. In the desert He can listen the voice of the Father without distractions. You often hear athletes say they learn more from losses than they do from wins. The desert provides clarity of identity. Right after His baptism, Jesus heard God the Father say, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was able to receive this statement of His identity and contemplate it and meditate on it in the desert.

After 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus is ready...but hungry. The Tempter, the Devil, approaches Jesus. The Devil tempts Jesus to provide for Himself. Then the Devil tempts Jesus to control God the Father. Lastly, the Devil tempts Jesus to worship someone other than God the Father. 1 Corinthians 10:13b says, "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it." Do we believe this is true? Do we believe that every time we are tempted, God, if we ask, will give us the grace, courage, and fortitude to escape the temptation? So often we give into temptation. But it does not have to be this way. Do we cry out to God to help us in the times of temptation? Do we really want to be holy? St. Augustine, in his journey to God, said at one point when he knew what the truth was, but was still wrapped up in sexual sin, "O Lord, help me to be pure, but not yet." This sentiment unfortunately captures too many moments of my life. In these moments I know what the right thing to do is...but I want to do and choose to do the wrong thing, the sinful thing. Again, I encourage you, in these moments, to cry out to the Lord for special outpouring of His grace upon you to resist sin. Also, notice that for two of the three temptations, Jesus counters them with Scripture. I encourage you to use these days of Lent to memorize Bible verses.

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Church Support: February 8, 2026

Latin America:	\$	20.00
CCP Annual Dues:	\$	55.00
Votives:	\$	7.00
TOTAL:		\$ 3,102.00

Knights of Columbus 5115 GK Friday Fish Fry

Lent is here and it is time for Friday Fish!
 Our first **KC Fish Fry at Crucifixion will be on Friday, February 27, from 4 – 7 pm.** Although the cost of fish has risen dramatically, we are keeping our price at **\$15** to promote an affordable family dinner. There will also be “Mac n Cheese” available for \$2.00. Please enjoy this worthwhile event that supports our parish schools!

Valentines for Vets

St. Patrick’s young parishioners wished to share the love of Jesus by making “Valentines for Vets”. They delivered them, along with a treat, to veterans in the community on Valentines Day!



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

Day of Prayer and Action with FSPA

Saturday March 28th. 9:30-3:00

Young adults and people discerning their vocation are welcome to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin for a day to experience Franciscan prayer and service to those on the margins. Meals and snacks provided. Email vocations@fspa.org or call 608-782-5610 ext. 550 to register and learn more. Register by March 20th.

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You can start with: 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:18, James 1:12, Matthew 26:41, Romans 12:2, and 1 Peter 5:9. We don’t always have the Bible on us in the midst of temptation. (I suppose we can look things up on our phones, but it is still not the same as having a Bible verse memorized.) If we have an arsenal of Bible verses at our disposal, we can use them to counter Satan’s temptations just like Jesus did.

I pray you have a blessed first full week of Lent, *Fr. Vogel*



Join us each Tuesday (beginning February 24th) for Stations of the Cross following the 5:30 p.m. Weekday Mass. The Way of the Cross is to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. We will meet each Tuesday until March 31st.



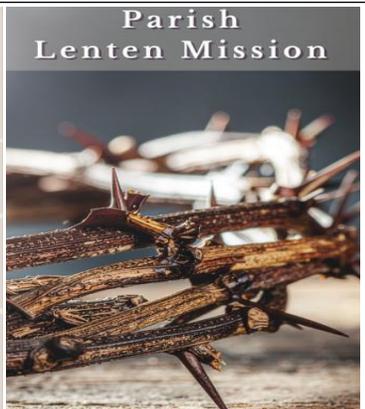
Lenten Soup Suppers

A **Lenten supper** is a meal that takes place in the evening of the Christian liturgical season of **Lent**. This year we will continue the delivery of soup to those that cannot join us and will host a soup supper following the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday during Lent. All are welcome to join in these nights of reflection. A delicious soup supper will welcome our fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors! If you know someone in our community or if you would like to have soup delivered or join us each week, please see Jean Meyer.

FR. MICHAEL SKLUZÁČEK

Fr. Michael Skluzáček will lead us in our Parish Lenten Mission and preach at all the Masses on February 28 & March 1.
 Fr. Skluzáček is a senior priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis who has served as director of pastoral formation since 2019. Fr. Skluzáček has been a renowned parish priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis for the past 44 years, before his retirement in August of 2024.

DAY ONE	SUNDAY, MARCH 1 Crucifixion Church 6:30PM - Presentation: "Created in the Image of God"
DAY TWO	MONDAY, MARCH 2 Crucifixion Church 6:30PM - Mass 7:15PM - Presentation: "Redeemed and Rescued"
DAY THREE	TUESDAY, MARCH 3 Crucifixion Church 6:30PM - Mass 7:15PM - Presentation: "Holy People Have More Fun" <i>Confessions available following the presentation</i>



Semcac Food Shelf

Items most in need at this time are: saltine crackers, cereal, generic cookies, canned chicken, rice. All other items are welcome as well. The food shelf is very grateful for your continued support throughout the year.

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.