



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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August 9, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:00 a.m. ✠ + Deceased members of the
Kreutzer Family

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

5:30 p.m. ✠ + Maria Gartner
Lector: Butch Shuda

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00 a.m. ✠ + Bonnie Helke Schock

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 9

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

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 16

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer
& Ann Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gerry Bruening

Church Support: August 2, 2026

Adults:	\$ 1,310.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 75.00
Offertory:	\$ 190.00
Help A Student:	\$ 5.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Memorial - K. Wiese	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$ 50.00
Votives:	\$ 21.00

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Servant Leadership

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ✠ Please remember **St. Patrick's Cemetery** in providing for continuing care and upkeep. Your support is important.
- ✠ The **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be celebrated Sunday, August 16th Mass at St. Patrick's
- ✠ **Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 18th**
- ✠ **Second Collection on August 23rd for Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native American.**

SEMINARIAN'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe but August is already here! Where did all the time go? I am sad to say that this will be my last bulletin article, as I will be continuing my seminary journey in Winona very soon.

The first reading beautifully reminds us that God is always speaking to us, but sometimes it can be challenging to listen to his voice when we are surrounded by loud noises and worldly distractions. Elijah could not hear God in the heavy wind, the trembling earthquake, or the blazing fire. It was only in a tiny whisper that the Lord made Himself known. Today's world is strikingly similar to Elijah's. Recently, heavy winds formed a massive tornado that touched down in Northeast Wisconsin and caused immense damage to the area. Earthquakes are striking across the globe in places like California and Japan. Wildfires continue to rage across Canada, Washington state, and Europe, which have left thousands of people without homes. In times like these it can be easy to ask ourselves, "Where is God?"

My time in the seminary has taught me how to listen for God. We started each day in silence with Eucharistic Adoration. We were highly encouraged to spend at least twenty minutes of that time just listening for God's voice like Elijah did without using the bible, rosaries, or other prayers. This was very hard for me at first, but I eventually realized that God was transforming me in those moments, even when it felt like He wasn't there. We took this a step further by attending two multiday silent retreats, one in Winona and one in South Dakota. After finishing each retreat all I wanted to do was go back because it gave me many powerful moments in prayer. Silence is the language of God.

In the gospel reading, the Apostles were not fortunate enough to have a quiet place to pray. They were overwhelmed by the by the roaring wind and crashing waves. In their great peril Jesus presented Himself to them with a simple message: "do not be afraid." This phrase is used all throughout the bible and I think it is something we need to constantly tell ourselves when faced with the troubles of life. In an act of faith Peter decided to do the impossible by walking across the water to Jesus. However, he quickly succumbed to the fear and doubt caused by the noisy wind and began to sink. Rather than trying to save

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CCP Roll Sunday Donation: \$ 83.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,854.00**Altar Flower Donations:**

August 9th: *In memory of John Arnold*
Laura Eglinton

**Semcac Food Shelf**

Needed items at this time are: Ramen noodles, any pasta, generic hamburger or tuna helper. All other items are welcomed as well.



Seven Sisters Apostolate
 DAY OF REFLECTION
 Diocese of Winona-Rochester
 "The Father's Blessing"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Saint Theodore Parish

315 E. Clarke St, Albert Lea, MN 55060

8:00AM REGISTRATION – 8:30AM MASS

9:30 BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY

PROGRAM AND LIGHT LUNCH – 1:30 CLOSING

Speakers: Janette Howe, founder of Seven Sisters Apostolate,

Lola Baxter Diocesan Coordinator and

Fr. Kurt Farrell, Pastor of St. Theodore Parish

Free will offering accepted and appreciated to cover costs.

RSVP BY AUGUST 30TH

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A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer
 (SEVEN SISTERS MATERIALS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

View episodes of "The Chosen" series. Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. No commitment. Just come when you can. All adults and high schoolers are welcome. Popcorn and lemonade will be available!

Dates: August 25, September 1, 8, 15

Please note: There will be no viewing on August 11 or 18



himself, Peter completely surrendered himself to Jesus by crying out "Lord, save me!"

Where is God? We see in the gospel that He is with us and is ready to lift us up when we are sinking in the impossible burdens of life. All we have to do is put our full trust in Him by surrendering ourselves as we can do nothing without Christ. Once we do that, our fears and anxieties will be taken away.

It has been an absolute blessing to be in Caledonia and Brownsville this summer. My favorite part about being in the parish was getting to know God's wonderful people. I will never be able to repay your generosity, but I pray that one day I can pay it forward when I am ordained a priest (God willing). Surrendering my life to the Lord and trusting in His will has been the best decision I have ever made. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you. May God bless you all, *Alex Danielson*

It's Time for a New Parish Directory!

Our Church directory will not be complete without you! Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

Photography Dates will be on Tuesday, September 29th and 30th, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Patrick's Hall. Every sitting photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. We need 100% participation to create memories!

Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table in the Hall or simply go online at www.ucdir.com, click on **church code mn679**, with **password 679mem**. Follow the directions given and you should then see your name on the list of appointments.

We will be organizing **committee** (parish choir, Servers, counters, council, etc.) **photo's following Mass throughout August**. Announcements will be made for parishioners to stay after Mass for group photos!



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Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

This year's theme, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," reminds us that Christ calls each of us to share in His mission. 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: \$ 4,180.00 (60%)

Number of Donors: 13

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!

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.