



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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August 3, 2025

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

#### Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Joanne Kletzke

#### Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, August 3

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch  
**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Mary Mell  
**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes  
**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, August 10

**Announcer/Lector:** Mary Mell  
**Ushers:** Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Ann Fitzpatrick  
**Choir:** Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Adeline Colsch  
**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: July 27, 2025

Adults:	\$	845.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	100.00
Offertory:	\$	151.00
Donation:	\$	600.00
Cemetery Donation:	\$	100.00
Votives:	\$	13.50

**TOTAL \$ 1,719.50**

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel  
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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Announcements

- ☩ Please sign up to **bring in fresh cut flowers** to adorn the Church. Sign up sheet is located in Hall on table.
- ☩ **August 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Roll Sunday following Mass**
- ☩ **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> -- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- Day of Holy Obligation -- Mass at 4:00 pm**
- ☩ **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> -- Parish Council Meeting following 5:30 pm Mass.**
- ☩ **August 24<sup>th</sup> -- second collection**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We have the golf fundraiser for St. Mary's this coming Friday. Thank you to all who made this event possible. And thank you to all who are playing. You are making this event successful. As someone addicted to golf, I wholeheartedly approve of this event.

I had a great time with my family this past week. We went to the Art Institute. I got see some original Monets. We went on a boat ride through the city. We went to a great hot spot restaurant in China Town. I got to go golfing with my brother which hasn't happened in a long time. We also got to spend some time just chilling. The nieces and nephews keep getting taller.

Today's Gospel begs the question, "What are we working for?" What is our number one priority? Everyone was a little taken aback when the number one golfer in the world recently said that golf is "not a fulfilling life." He said he struggles with the duality of motivation and fulfillment every day. "It feels like you work your whole life to celebrate winning a tournament for like a few minutes. It only lasts a few minutes, that kind of euphoric feeling," he said. "This is not a fulfilling life. It's fulfilling from the sense of accomplishment, but it's not fulfilling from a sense of the deepest places of your heart." "I love being able to play this game for a living. It's one of the greatest joys of my life. But does it fill the deepest wants and desires of my heart? Absolutely not," he said. "I love being a father, I love be able to take care of my son...Because I would much rather be a great father than I would be a great golfer." (I am aware that Scottie has made enough money that most of us will see in five lifetimes and so he really does have the option to quit at any time...an option a lot of people don't have.) However, to see someone who has worked his tail off to become the best golfer in the world speak openly how family is more important than golf is refreshing. In today's Gospel Jesus says, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Jesus also remarks at the end of the Gospel, "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God." And what matters to God? Relationships. Relationships with God

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## Thank you

After three years I have completed my studies for Spiritual Direction through the Franciscan Spiritual Center in La Crosse. The three years have certainly been a challenge but also a huge blessing! I thank the three St. Patrick's parishioners who walked with me to discover Spiritual Direction and assist my homework requirements. Also, a huge thank you to all of you who supported me with your prayers. If you are wondering if Spiritual Direction would be something that might benefit your own spiritual growth, please contact me.

Peace and All Good,  
Mary Mell



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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and with one another. Do we use our relationships in order to obtain more money and goods, or do we use our money and goods in order to obtain deeper relationships?

Things we can see, touch, and feel are finite. The things we can't sense are infinite: God, angels, souls, etc. Are we working for things that are finite or infinite? I need to constantly check myself and ask how I'm spending my time. Am I spending my time on finite things or infinite things? May we spend our time and energy on things that are infinite, especially relationships, and relationships with God and others.

God bless, *Father Vogel*



✠ Our friend and Brownsville neighbor, Rick Voshart, is having serious heart issues. He will be having procedures done next week to determine what needs to be done. Please keep Rick in your prayers.



### Semcac Food Shelf

Thanks to all who helped fill the grocery cart during the month of July! 135 pounds of food was delivered to the Semcac Food Shelf. The support of St. Patrick's Parish is greatly appreciated! Items most in need at this time are Ramen noodles, elbow macaroni, cereal, canned fruit, tuna, sardines, and any kind of canned meat. All other items are appreciated as well!

## Ordinary Time



*Thank You!*

Dear St Patrick Parish,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of this year's Mother's Day Weekend Annual Appeal. Your partnership means more than words can express.

We are humbled by the generosity of your parish community, which contributed \$834.00 toward this year's appeal. Your parish's support strengthens our shared mission to serve those most in need across our region—providing shelter to the unhoused and hope to individuals and families navigating difficult times. It is through your kindness and faith in our work that lives are touched and transformed.

As we continue to respond to the challenges facing our communities, we are deeply grateful to walk hand-in-hand with our parishes. Your prayers, your presence, and your generosity allow us to extend Christ's love through concrete acts of mercy and compassion.

Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can serve and support your parish community as well. We are honored to walk alongside you in this important work.

With deep appreciation,

*Kristina Hammell*

Kristina Hammell | Outreach Director

### 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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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:	\$5,000.00 (74%)
Number of Donors:	15

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.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.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](http://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](mailto: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.