



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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May 24, 2026

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Joe Blahnik

#### Tuesday, May 26, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Carl Helke & + John Lennartz

#### Sunday, May 31, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Alex Klug

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 24

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

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 31

**Announcer/Lector:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Ushers:** Grace & Isaac Bruggeman  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Host:** Karen Colsch  
**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Ann Fitzpatrick & Jean Meyer  
**Gift Bearers:** Colette & Gery Bruening  
**Servers:** Brynn Waters & Thea Waters  
**Rosary:** Virginia Albert  
**Children's Lectionary:** Summer Colsch  
**Counters:** Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

### Church Support: May 17, 2026

Adults:	\$ 865.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$ 125.00
Offertory:	\$ 312.00
Help A Student:	\$ 40.00
Ascension Offering:	\$ 60.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$ 300.00
Spring Fling:	\$ 20.00
Youth M&M fundraiser:	\$ 93.73
CCP Annual Dues:	\$ 25.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,820.73**

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel  
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**Blog:** fathervogel.wordpress.com  
**Podcast:** Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

## Pentecost Sunday

### Announcements

- ☩ **June 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** Fr. Vogel will be attending Ministry Days at St. Mary's University, Winona from Thursday afternoon until Friday afternoon.
- ☩ **June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Join fellow parishioners for **Roll Sunday**, following Mass. Enjoy delicious rolls, fruit, coffee and juice.
- ☩ Please remember to contribute to the Help A Student fund. Envelopes are in your contribution box.
- ☩ **June 28<sup>th</sup> – Second collection for Peter's Pence**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A joyful Pentecost to you!!

Jumping ahead to next weekend, we have a wedding in Caledonia. Please Michael Roling and Ella Harter and their lifetime together as husband and wife.

I have gone to one graduation party so far. Again, what an accomplishment. Thirteen years (or more) of school. So many tests and moments of learning not just information but also growing in wisdom and virtue. In the formation of seminarians, they talk about human formation, intellectual formation, and spiritual formation. We continue to pray that our graduates continue in their formation in all three aspects. During this season of spring, we continue to celebrate the ending of chapters of life and the beginnings of new chapters in life.

Again, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost happened fifty days after Easter, and ten days after the Ascension. It is in the Pentecost that the Holy Spirit comes down upon the Apostles, and they go out and put the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 28 in action. ("Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) They go out into the streets, and everyone hears the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed in their own language. This should take us back to the Tower of Babel. The Tower of Babel goes back to Genesis 11, where the people all spoke one language and feel compelled to build a tower to heaven out of pride. God puts an end to this project by making the people speak different languages. This caused confusion and barriers to communication. Pentecost is a reversal of the Tower of Babel. Now, again, everyone understands the words of these Jewish men as they proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now if we think about the geographical location of Israel, we can see that it is in a special place. It is at the crossroads between Europe, Africa, and Asia. If you want to start a worldwide religion, this is not a bad place to do it. As recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, there were people in Jerusalem from all parts of the known world. We are the descendants of those who were there in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. May we pray

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**ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH "BRAT FRY" FUNDRAISER  
TODAY IS THE DAY!**

**Sunday – May 24 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
Curbside service at the Gazebo on Main St. – Brownsville  
Come for a delicious lunch of Brats or Hot Dogs, Chips,  
Water, and a Bar for dessert!

**FREE WILL DONATION**

Sponsored by our students who are raising funds to attend the Steubenville-Rochester Catholic Youth Conference this summer. It is an opportunity to gather for a weekend with a large group of Catholic teens, and be awakened and strengthened in their faith. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please come and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

(In case of inclement weather will be at St. Patrick's Hall)



**The 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal has kicked off!**

This year's theme, "*I Will Make You Fishers of Men*", reminds us that Christ calls each of us to share in His mission. What began on

the shores of Galilee continues in every generation through the life and ministry of the Church. The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to share in that mission of evangelization together. With your generosity we are able to form future priests, assist the poor and vulnerable, strengthen Catholic schools, and support ministries that proclaim the Gospel and build up the life of the Church throughout southern Minnesota. Brochures and Envelopes are located at church entrances. Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal



✠ Our little friend and parishioner, Aurora Burg, broke her arm on Tuesday. She had to go to Madison for surgery on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Semcac Food Shelf**

Suggested items at this time are: granola bars (generic), snack crackers, saltines, graham crackers, instant pudding, and sardines. All other items are appreciated as well!

**Thank you for your continued support of the Food Shelf!**

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for a new additional infusion of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May we be ever bolder in sharing the peace and joy that comes from having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

May you have a blessed week, Fr. Vogel

**Baccalaureate Mass**

Congratulations to our four graduating seniors! We celebrated them with a Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. They are pictured below with Father Vogel. Colin Flannery, Madelyn Foellmi, Adeline Colsch, and Jackson Zaiger. We have had the pleasure of watching them grow into true disciples of the Lord. We hope wherever you go in the future you'll remember that St. Patrick's will always be your faith family!



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**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.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.org](http://www.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.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.

## 2026 Easter Plant Donations

The following parishioners purchased plants to adorn the Church in memory of a loved one:



### **Mary Joyce**

*In memory of George Joyce*

### **Bill & Ann Fitzpatrick**

*In memory of Fitzpatrick & Serres Families*

### **Jean Meyer & Sharon Rohrer**

*In memory of Vince & Micky Scanlan, Clementine Richie, Marie Elizabeth Meyer, Ron Rohrer & Russell Field, Field and Scanlan families*

### **Elsie & Jerry Lennartz**

*In memory of deceased members of Helke & Hirshuber Families*

### **Marg Cordes**

*In memory of the Cordes and Lorenz Families*

### **Cobb & Beak Colsch**

*In memory of the Colsch Family and Bauer Family*

### **Kreutzer Family**

*In memory of the deceased Kreutzer Family members*

### **Mary Ellen & Bob Frank & family**

### **Mike & Carmen Moriarty & family**

### **Dan Moriarty**

### **Jean & Gary Hughes & family**

*In memory of Joseph D. and Margaret M. Moriarty*

### **Steve & Teresa Colsch**

*In memory of Carl & Mary Colsch, Mitch Colsch, Marsha Kotten*

### **Virginia Heintz**

*In memory of Maria Gartner & Sam Heintz*

### **Barb Wiese**

*In memory of Wiese Family*

### **Tony & Ann Bauer**

*In memory of deceased members of Augedahl & Bauer Families*

### **Carmen Barthel**

*In memory of Ted Barthel*

## 2026 St. Patrick's Spring Fling

St. Patrick's Spring Fling is our annual large event that raises funds to assist in major repairs, replacements and needed church infrastructure. This last year, funds raised went to supplies to purchase new toilets for the Church Hall, and other small improvements. A large project is in the planning stages that the proceeds will be used for in 2026/2027. Without the support of the many donors and volunteers, this event could not be successful! Here is a summary of our 2026 Spring Fling:

- 175 meals were served bringing in \$2,511. Net profit was \$1,747.79.
- 50/50 card raffle received \$193
- Silent Auction had 38 donated items. Total bids \$1,374.
- Bake Sale had a profit of \$723.00
- Quilt Raffle sold 185 tickets - \$925
- Basket Raffles had 44 donated baskets. 950 tickets were sold, profit was \$3,800
- Ticket Raffle ticket sales were \$6,620, with net profit at \$6,079.45. 42 donations provided for the ticket winners, in addition to \$1,000 in cash prizes given out.
- Generous donations of money at \$1,730.00
- 47 volunteers participated in event preparations, during the event and/or for clean up!

**Revenues: \$17,879.10 / Expenses: \$2,403.76 =**

**Net \$15,475.34**

## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost commemorates the **descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, Mary, and the first disciples gathered in Jerusalem** (Acts 2:1-4). The event was preceded by the fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32, where God promised to pour out His Spirit on all people. The wind, fire, and speaking in tongues empowered the disciples to proclaim the gospel boldly to Jews from many nations, leading to the conversion of **3,000 people that day**.

This moment is called the "**birthday of the Church**" because it marks the public beginning of the Church's mission to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19)

Pentecost (also called Whit Sunday, Whitsunday or Whitsun) **takes place on the 49th day** (50th day when inclusive counting is used) **after Easter**. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus, Mary, and other followers of Christ, while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31)



## Disaster Services: Calm in the Storm

Did you know that Catholic Charities helps with disaster preparedness, response, and recovery? Whether it is tornadoes, fires, or flooding, we are there to help our neighbors in need in the aftermath of disasters both large and small.

Just recently, the Greater Rochester area was hit by five tornadoes, causing damage to over 90 households. In partnership with the American Red Cross, Marion Road Christian Church, and community volunteers, we will be providing financial assistance to help survivors working to recover and rebuild. If you would like to support our work, we are accepting financial donations until May 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.ccsomn.org/disaster](http://www.ccsomn.org/disaster).

Learn more at  
[ccsomn.org/disaster](http://ccsomn.org/disaster)

