



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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February 15, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. ✠ + Joe Blahnik

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30 p.m. ✠ + Mike McCabe

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. ✠ + Don & + Carol Walcker

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. ✠ + Vince & + Rosine Bauer

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 15

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick

Ushers: Grace & Isaac Bruggeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Ann Fitzpatrick

Choir: Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Mary Mell

Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family

Servers: Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch

Rosary: Mary Lou Graf

Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch

Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

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

Church Support: February 8, 2026

Adults: \$ 1,290.00

Adult Online Giving: \$ 175.00

Offertory: \$ 224.00

Help A Student: \$ 30.00

Mass Stipends: \$ 100.00

Cemetery Donation: \$ 335.00

First Offering: \$ 5.00

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

- ✠ February 15th 2026 Spring Fling Meeting following Mass. You are truly needed to participate in Event!
- ✠ February 17th – Parish Council meeting following Mass
- ✠ February 18th -- Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.
- ✠ Tuesday, February 24th – Lenten Stations of the Cross at 5:55pm and Dine-in Soup Supper at 6:30pm.
- ✠ Wednesday, February 25th -- Generations of Faith Program 5:30 – 7:30 pm

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Get ready for Lent! Ash Wednesday is this week. Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM - St. Mary's in Caledonia

5:10 PM - St. Mary's in Caledonia

7:00 PM - St. Patrick's in Brownsville

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. In the Catholic Church, the guidelines for fasting are:

- One may eat one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal
- Eating between meals is not allowed, but drinking water, tea, and coffee is permitted
- Fasting should be done by those between the ages of 18 and 59, with the exception for those who are ill, pregnant, nursing, or have special dietary needs

As you are all well aware of, we are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. (Actually, we are supposed to do this year around, but on Fridays outside of Lent, we can substitute some other penance in place of abstaining from meat.) In the Catholic Church, the guidelines for abstaining from meat are:

- All Catholics 14 and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent
- Meat includes beef, pork, chicken, and other warm-blooded animals
- Fish, eggs, dairy, and plant-based foods are allowed

Stations of the Cross is another great Catholic tradition. When I was in the Holy Land, we walked the Via Dolorosa (Latin for "Sorrowful Way"). We got to pray the Stations of the Cross in the very place they happened. What a powerful experience! Just like last year, we will have Stations in Brownsville after 5:30 PM Tuesday Mass (so about 6 PM) followed by some yummy soup. In Caledonia, Stations will again be on Fridays at 5:30 PM. It is good to remind ourselves how much Jesus suffered to save us from our sins.

But before all this Lenten stuff, we need to celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. This past Wednesday, the Gospel reading was from Mark, chapter 7. Jesus says, "From within

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Church Support: February 8, 2026

Votives: \$ 5.00
CCP Annual Dues: \$ 25.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,189.00



GENERATIONS OF FAITH
A MORAL LIFE
"Being Truthful"
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come join us as we take a deeper look at the 8th Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor". We are going to focus on being truthful, about honesty, and integrity. As God's people, we must strive to walk the way of truth, as Jesus taught us to do. Our special guest will be Mike Schramm, Theology Teacher at Aquinas High School. Enjoy a delicious complimentary meal, served from 5:30-6:00 pm. There will be special learning activities for youth. Please mark your calendars and join your Parish family, as we come together to learn from each other and strengthen our faith! This is faith formation for all ages. There is no fee to attend. Everyone is welcome!

The Knights of Columbus Council 5115 is sponsoring a **Moon Tournament** to raise funds for the final window renovation at **St. Peter's Church**. The cost for the remaining window is \$8,500 and the Knights will be matching donations up to half of that amount! (\$4,250). Join us **today, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm**. "Entry fee" is a free will donation and you do not have to attend to contribute.

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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the man, from his heart, come evil thoughts..." Evil thoughts lead to evil actions. This is also what Jesus is saying in the Gospel this Sunday. It is not enough to not kill your brother. Jesus says we shouldn't even get angry at our brother (or sister, or wife, or husband, or mom, or dad). (Actually, righteous anger can be a good thing. Righteous anger is when we are angry that someone mistreated someone else. Notice that we are angry about the action and not at the person.) Jesus says that if we look at woman (or man) with lust, then we have already committed adultery in our hearts. This is not as bad a sin as actually committing adultery, but it is still a sin of lust in our minds and hearts. Thoughts lead to actions. Therefore, it is not enough to keep our actions pure; we need to fight to keep our thoughts pure and holy.

I already talked about praying and discerning what to do for Lent, so I won't rehash that. I pray you have a blessed week and a graced start to 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.



Semcac Food Shelf

Thank you to all who helped fill the grocery cart during the month of January. 55 pounds of food was delivered to the Caledonia 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. St. Patrick's Parish donated 1,464 pounds of food during 2025. Your generosity is amazing! 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 stpatrick@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.