



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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April 5, 2026

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, April 5, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Carol Gavin

#### Tuesday, April 7, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ Health/Well-being of Parishioner  
Lector: Debi Shuda

#### Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bonnie Helke Schock

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, April 5

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch  
**Ushers:** Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Hope Flannery  
**Gift Bearers:** Teresa & Steve Colsch Family  
**Servers:** Sabrina TenKley & Sophie TenKley  
**Rosary:** Frank Dvorak  
**Children's Lectionary:** Aleigha Burg  
**Counters:** Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, April 12

**Announcer/Lector:** Mary Mell  
**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Al Christian  
**Choir:** Trece Robson **Precious Blood:** Kathy Koel & Andrew Robson  
**Gift Bearers:** Nicole & Brent Carlon Family  
**Servers:** John Carlon  
**Rosary:** Virginia Heintz  
**Children's Lectionary:** Heidi Grams  
**Counters:** Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

### Church Support: March 29, 2026

**Adults:** \$ 1,150.00  
**Adult Online Giving:** \$ 75.00  
**Offertory:** \$ 159.00  
**Help A Student:** \$ 20.00  
**Catholic Relief Services:** \$ 100.00  
**Rice Bowl:** \$ 150.00  
**CCP Spring Fling:** \$ 1,610.00  
**Votives:** \$ 34.00  
**Easter Flowers:** \$ 415.00

**TOTAL: \$ 3,713.00**

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel  
**E mail Address:** frapvogel@gmail.com  
**Sacramental Emergencies:** 507.722.0788  
**Blog:** fathervogel.wordpress.com  
**Podcast:** Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

## Easter Sunday of the Lord

### Announcements

- ☩ **NO Roll Sunday on April 5<sup>th</sup>** since it falls on Easter Sunday this year. We will be back on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ☩ **Spring Fling – April 19<sup>th</sup>.** Breakfast from 9am to noon. Raffle Tickets, Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, Bake Sale, Children's games and much more!

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus has risen! Praise the Lord! Jesus has defeated Satan! Satan has lost his grip on death and sin. The chaos, the uncertainty, the loneliness that set in with Jesus' arrest on Holy Thursday has had a surprising ending. What had started out with the horrible arrest of Jesus lead to the hopelessness of the Cross and subsequent death. The One who was suppose to be the Messiah was dead in a tomb. What had such a promising start had ended in the worst possible way.

Then in the most unimaginable way, God makes everything good again. And not just good, but great. The tomb becomes empty. Jesus greets Mary Magdalene in the garden and honors her by asking her to be the "apostle to the apostles." She is chosen as the first to share the good news of the Resurrection with others.

He has risen! Jesus doesn't set up an earthly kingdom. No, He does something even greater. He setup a heavenly Kingdom. If we believe in Him, then our sins are forgiven by Jesus from the graces He won on the Cross. These graces are feely given to those who believe that Jesus is the only way to eternal life in heaven. If we repent, ask for forgiveness from Jesus, then He can give us the grace He won the Cross to change us. By the grace Jesus won the Cross, we are not only forgiven, but we are given the grace to change. We are not only called to be disciples of Jesus, but we are be disciples of Jesus, to be holy persons. Easter is about transformation. Jesus' body was transformed to act in accord with His divine nature. Jesus is one divine person, who, even though He had a human body, still could not be contained by time and space.

Jesus has won the war. Even so the battle continues in each one of our hearts. However, we can draw up the grace and knowledge that the enemy (Satan) has been defeated. The cease fire WILL happen...at the end of time. We can rest and rejoice in the knowledge that good has defeated evil.

For those of you who are stressed out about world events, remember this. Remember that we already know that good defeats evil. Yes, we need to strive in our own spheres of influence to do what we can to help good defeat evil. However, we know that ultimately, good (Jesus) defeats evil (Satan) decisively. To turn a movie quote on its head (a movie from the late 1980's), "Good will always triumph because evil is dumb."

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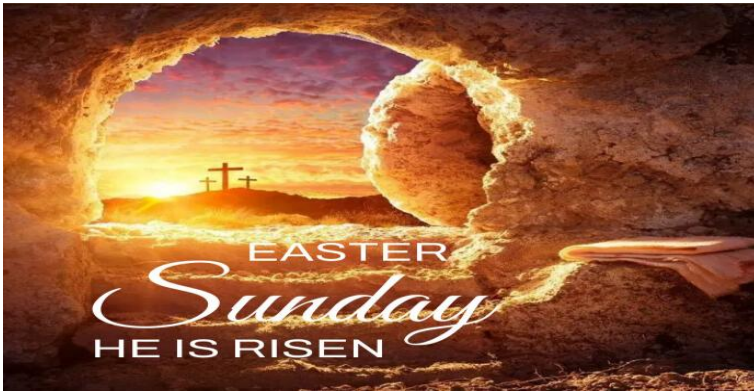


### Sunday, April 19, 2026

Please consider donating towards our largest fundraiser – **St. Patrick's Spring Fling.**

**Now is the time to bring in donated items** for the themed baskets, provide your handmade silent auction items, donate gift cards or certificates from businesses, sell & purchase Raffle tickets, bring in small prizes for the children's games, bring in new or gently used jewelry, plan to bake for the bake sale, and plan to volunteer on the day of the event. Please include your name with donation. Hand in your ticket sales and get additional tickets to sell!

The Spring Fling will start with a delicious and hearty breakfast at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, along with basket and ticket raffles, jewelry and silent auctions, Quilt Raffle, bake sale, children's games, and much more!



### Brownsville Fire & Rescue Fundraiser

**Cabin Fever Reliever:** Chicken Q tickets sold out. Come to event for Live Music. Raffles. Bake Sale.

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Community Center.**

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Training

You are invited to attend a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1A training course on June 1-6, 2026 at Cotter Schools in Winona, MN! CGS is a Catholic Montessori-based religious formation program for children, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy.

The registration deadline is May 4, 2026. For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.cotterschools.org/together-in-community/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>.

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Jesus has won the war. He has and is defeating evil. This is assured. How are you being called to live in and out of the knowledge that Jesus has won, and will win, the battle against evil?

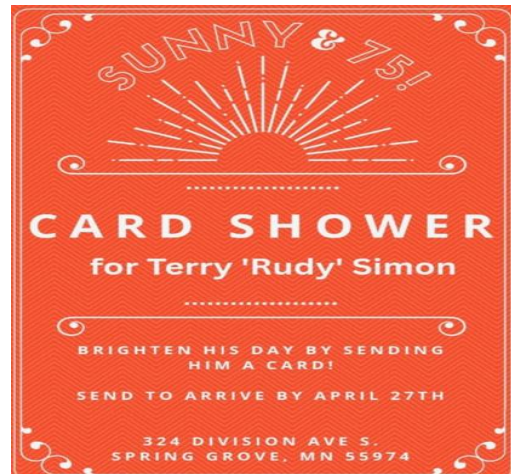
Have a blessed Easter, *Fr. Vogel*

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Ball

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Military Ball is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Fest Building in Spring Grove, MN. The event is for all military service members and veterans, their spouses and families, and is also open to the public. The Military Ball includes dinner, ceremony, displays, photo portraits, dancing and more. Attire for the ball is Sunday best, semi-formal or formal, with many wearing their military uniform or the uniform of a veteran's organization. Organizers request no casual street clothes. Cost for the evening is \$20 per person. Attendance is by RSVP only. Cocktails and photos begin at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The dinner plate includes roast beef and chicken.

Guest speaker will be Jay Tolleson and his wife, Allison, who give a Civil War enactment performance in authentic clothing from that time period. Following the program, Cheers Big Band from the La Crosse area will provide a variety of music for dancing and listening pleasure.

This event is planned and carried out by a committee of volunteers from American Legion Posts in the local area. Newcomers are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, contact Gary Buxengard at 507-498-3461 or email [janleebuxengard@gmail.com](mailto:janleebuxengard@gmail.com).



**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.