



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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May 3, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Kathy Carlon

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Jamie Conniff
Lector: Butch Shuda

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Tom & + Delores Serres

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, May 3

Announcer/Lector: Karen Colsch
Ushers: Nick Serres & Ralph Konkell
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Bill Fitzpatrick
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Adeline Colsch
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, May 10

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Cary & Kathy Koel
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Al Christian
Choir: Kathy Koel **Precious Blood:** Hope Flannery & Jean Meyer
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: April 26, 2026

Adults: \$ 1,165.00
Adult Online Giving: \$ 275.00
Offertory: \$ 146.00
Spring Fling: \$ 200.00
Votives: \$ 17.75
Youth Retreat Donation: \$ 60.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,863.75

Servant Leadership

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Announcements

- ☩ **May 3rd** – Roll Sunday following Mass. Come join us for Rolls, Fruit and conversations!
- ☩ **May 10th** -- Mother's Day
- ☩ **May 10th** -- There will be a Second Collection for Catholic Charities.
- ☩ **May 10th** – Those who purchased Easter Flowers that have adorned the Altar area this Easter Season can take their own labeled flowers home. Please only take what you purchased. Thank you.
- ☩ **May 17th** -- Baccalaureate Mass for our 2026 High School Graduates! Join us following Mass for a gathering and light breakfast.
- ☩ **Tuesday, May 19th** – Parish Council meeting following 5:30 pm Mass.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are entering another busy time of year. This weekend we have the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Mary's. So if you see any of our graduates, congratulate them on their accomplishments.

It has been brought to my attention that I don't always respond to phone calls with the immediacy that I should. I will try to become better at this. However, you can help me by using the Sacramental Emergency number I have when appropriate. I, like a lot of people, have a plethora of numbers in my life: the landline in my rectory, the office number at St. Mary's, and my cell phone number. My Sacramental Emergency number is found on the front page of the bulletin. If someone needs an anointing or Last Rites or an emergency baptism, please call this number. When I see "Sacramental Emergency" on my phone, if I at all can, I drop whatever I'm doing to answer it. (Obviously if I'm in the middle of Mass or something, I'm not going to answer it, but it will be the first thing I do when I'm free.) In such moments, this is the best way to reach me and to have me respond in the shortest amount of time.

Again, we continue to the Easter season. Jesus says in the Gospel today that if we believe in Him, we will do not only the works that Jesus did, but even greater ones...because Jesus is going to the Father. We see this in the Acts of the Apostles. We see the Apostles raising healing people and even raising them from the dead...just like Jesus did. I once read somewhere that God gave the Apostles the power to do miracles so that Christianity would spread quickly. However, now that Christianity is basically all over the world, the need for miracles is no longer needed. I disagree with this idea completely. I believe that if anything is holding back miracles from happening, it is not God; it is us. Jesus says that if we had faith the size of mustard seed (which is really small), we would be able to move mountains. In some ways, I don't think we ask

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First Holy Communion



Congratulations to our young parishioner, Winston Kies! He recently received his First Holy Communion, on April 19th, with his classmates at St. Mary's in Caledonia. We are proud of him, and we pray that he will continue to know the Lord in the "Breaking of the Bread" each and every Sunday of his life.



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God for too much, but rather for too little. We should often ask God for great miracles. Now we should end our prayer with, "...but Your will be done." Do we still believe that God can do great things? There were some Biblical scholars in the 1970's that read the Bible with the lens that miracles could not happen. So, they declared that a good portion of the Bible, especially the Gospels, were not true. God loves us. God has done great miracles in our lives. The fact that we exist is a miracle. The Eucharist we receive at Mass is a miracle. There are functions of the human body that science still can't explain. Those little coincidences in your lives are coincidences; there little signs of God's love for you. Now it is true, two deer have hit my cars, but when I have a near miss, I think about how if I had been going a little faster, I would have hit the deer. I look at these as little gifts, little miracles, from God. God didn't just do miraculous things 2000 years ago. He wants to do them in your life. I pray you have the boldness to ask for great things and the faith to see the miracles God is already doing in your life.

Peace of Christ, Fr. Vogel

Seeing Christ in One Another



At Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, we are guided by the belief that Christ is present in every person— particularly in those who are unseen, overlooked, or in need. For more than 75 years, we have walked alongside families,

individuals, and older adults in our communities, offering support and care in times of hardship. From providing shelter for those experiencing homelessness to helping families stay in their homes with rent and utility assistance, from offering diapers and essential supplies to meeting critical individual needs, our work reflects Christ's compassion in action —our **faith in action**. By supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal on May 10th -- Mother's Day -- you are helping bring stability, and relief to people right here in our diocese. Every gift stays *local*, touching lives in meaningful and lasting ways. Learn more at www.ccsomn.org



ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH "M&M FUNDRAISER"

St. Patrick's youth are raising funds to attend the Steubenville-Rochester Catholic Youth Conference this summer. It is an opportunity to gather with hundreds of other Catholic teens, draw closer to Christ and grow in their faith. There will be nationally known keynote speakers, chosen for their exceptional ability to share the love of Christ with teens. The Sonar Worship Band will be there with great Christian music. There will be Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, great meals, a marketplace, and the opportunity to meet new friends from our Diocese. Tens of thousands of devout Catholics across the country will tell you their lives changed when they met Jesus at a Steubenville Conference.

The students will be handing out M&M's after Mass at each of the church entrances. Please accept the M&M's as a gift and enjoy the treat! If you are able to help out, please return the tube, with a free will donation. Checks may be made out to St. Patrick's Parish with "Steubenville" in the memo. There will be collection boxes for the returned tubes at each entrance. Your support is so greatly appreciated!



110 pounds of food was delivered to **Semcac Food Shelf** for the month of April. Many thanks to all St. Patrick's parishioners who continue to fill the grocery cart and provide food for those in need. You are making a difference in the fight against hunger! 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!

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 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.