



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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January 25, 2026

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Jamie Conniff

#### Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ For All Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Tom & + Delores Serres

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, January 25

**Announcer/Lector:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Ushers:** Gracie & Isaac Bruggeman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Choir:** Adeline Colsch **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Ann Fitzpatrick  
**Gift Bearers:** Martha & John Meyer  
**Servers:** John Carlon &  
**Rosary:** Dan Hurley  
**Children's Lectionary:** Joan Reining  
**Counters:** Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, February 1

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch  
**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Jean Meyer  
**Gift Bearers:** Nicole & Brent Carlon Family  
**Servers:** John Carlon & Walker Kohlmeyer  
**Rosary:** Frank Dvorak  
**Children's Lectionary:** Aleigha Burg  
**Counters:** Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

### Church Support: January 18, 2026

Adults:	\$	915.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	375.00
Offertory:	\$	56.00
Help A Student:	\$	10.00
Mass Stipends:	\$	20.00
Kwik Trip Refund:	\$	5.00
CCP Annual Dues:	\$	80.00
Votives:	\$	13.00

**TOTAL \$ 1,474.00**

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Announcements

- ✚ January 25<sup>th</sup> Second Collection for Latin American and Catholic Communications.
- ✚ Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Generations of Faith 5:30 - 7:00 pm. All are welcome!
- ✚ February 1<sup>st</sup> Roll Sunday following Mass.
- ✚ Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 pm Candle Mass - bring in candles for blessings.
- ✚ February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 Spring Fling Meeting following Mass. You are truly wanted to participate in Event!

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We had three deaths this week. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lorraine Thillen, Nikki Rud, and Steve McDonald. Lorraine's funeral was this past Thursday. Steve's funeral Mass will be Saturday, January 31. If you see their families, please let them know of your condolences.

This coming Wednesday, in Brownsville, we are having Generations of Faith. We have an amazing speaker coming. Peter Martin is Director of Life, Marriage & Family for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. He is a man of great faith and insight. Peter will be talking about what the Church teachers about love, respect, honor, and obedience in light of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Commandments. He will be talking about the key qualities that should guide us in our most intimate, lifelong relationships and how to stay committed to one another in marriage.

In the Gospel today we see Jesus starting to gather His Apostles. We see Jesus call Andrew, Peter, James, and John from their lives as fisherman. Jesus tells them, "*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" Yes, all our bishops today can trace their lineage back to one of the Apostles. We call this Apostolic Succession. However, this doesn't mean that it is only up to bishops to be fishers of men. We are all called to be fishers of men. (And by men, I mean men and women.) We should all be inviting people to a relationship with Jesus. Today's Gospel ends with Jesus going to synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel and curing the sick. There is a lot of physical illnesses out there, but even more so, spiritual and mental illness. We are all called to be instruments of God's healing grace. We are all called to bring people back to Jesus. When was the last time you invited someone to draw closer to Christ? When was the last time you invited someone to Mass? When was the last time you prayed with someone when they were down? When was the last time you encouraged a young man to consider the priesthood or a young woman to consider religious life? The work of evangelizing, the work of being a fisher of men, is the work of all Christians, not just bishops and priests. I challenge you this week to invite someone to a

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### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel  
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**Sacramental Emergencies:** 507.722.0788  
**Blog:** [fathervogel.wordpress.com](http://fathervogel.wordpress.com)  
**Podcast:** Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025

The final numbers are in for CMA25! St. Patrick's Parish was one of 71 parishes who met or surpassed their goal this year and will receive a rebate check to use on local projects.

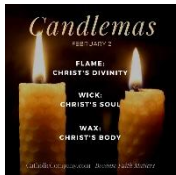
**St. Patrick's Parish 2025 goal:** \$6,788.00  
**Received:** \$8,550.00 (126%)  
**Number of Donors:** 28  
**Amount of Rebate:** \$1,762.00

Thank you to our generous donors for supporting vital ministries across our diocese, and helping to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota!

### "Help a Student" Envelopes

In your box of Giving Envelopes, you will find some blue envelopes that are designated to "Help a Student". Currently, there are 10 students in our parish who attend Catholic Schools. You may use these envelopes, if you wish, to help with tuition costs for students of St. Patrick's Parish who attend Catholic Schools. Please contact Debi Shuda if you have additional questions.

### Candle Mass at St. Patrick's at 5:30 pm on February 3<sup>rd</sup>



Candle Mass, also known as Candlemas, is a significant Catholic celebration that marks the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary. It is celebrated with the blessing and lighting of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light of

the World. The Mass includes the blessing of candles, where the celebrant blesses them. Rooted in ancient Jewish law, it occurs 40 days after Christmas, reflecting the time required for a mother's purification after childbirth. Candles are the defining symbol of Candlemas, representing Christ as the light of the world (Luke 2:32). These candles are often used in homes for prayer, during times of illness, or in liturgical seasons like Lent and Easter. The act of lighting candles during Mass or processions symbolizes the faithful's call to share Christ's light with others.



A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) Questions, call Mary at: 651.454.3238

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deeper relationship with Jesus by doing one of the things I mentioned above.

Peace, Fr. Vogel



*"The work of health care persons is a very valuable service to life. It expresses a profoundly human and Christian commitment, undertaken and carried out not only as a technical activity but also as one of dedication to and love of neighbor. It is 'a form of Christian witness.' Their profession calls for them to be guardians and servants of human life."*

(Evangelium Vitae 89. Charter of Healthcare Workers 1994 First Edition by The Pontifical Council of Healthcare Workers)

How does your Faith influence your work in Healthcare? Does your work in Healthcare pose challenges to your Faith? Do you feel isolated in talking about the work/Faith connection? Join members of Curatio at **St. James Coffee on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** to connect with some like-minded professionals. Let's build our networks! **About Curatio:** Apostolate of Catholic healthcare professionals currently serving the dioceses of St. Paul /Minneapolis, MN, Winona/Rochester, MN and La Crosse, WI  
St James Coffee, 4156 18th Avenue Northwest, Rochester, MN, 55901, 507-281-3559 [mscaccio@stjamescoffee.com](mailto:mscaccio@stjamescoffee.com)

### Spiritual Direction Sessions

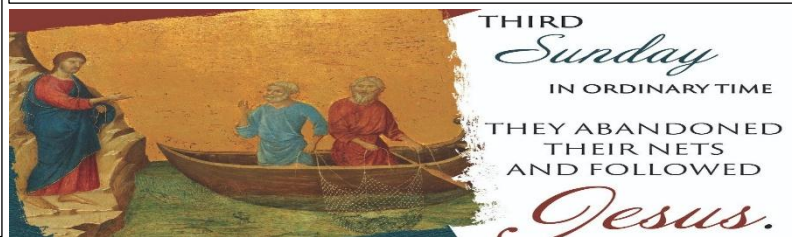
Mary Mell recently completed a three-year training for Spiritual Direction. She is available for Spiritual Direction sessions and is offering an initial 1/2-hour introductory session at no charge. She can be reached at 507-450-4577 or email: [mmheaventouch@gmail.com](mailto:mmheaventouch@gmail.com)



✠ Our good friend, Deacon Bob Yerhot, has asked us to pray for his mother who is in the hospital for cardiac and lung disease.

### Lent is more than a countdown to Easter

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on **970 AM in Austin/ Rochester** or listen online at [RealPresenceRadio.com](http://RealPresenceRadio.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.