



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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September 13, 2026

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Bill Howes

#### Tuesday, September 15, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ NO MASS

#### Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + CJ Dvorak

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, September 13

**Announcer/Lector:** Bill Fitzpatrick

**Ushers:** Nick Serres & Ralph Konkel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Mary Mell

**Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Karen Colsch & Hope Flannery

**Gift Bearers:** Teresa & Steve Colsch Family

**Servers:** Sabrina TenKley & Sophia TenKley

**Rosary:** Virginia Heintz

**Children's Lectionary:** Heidi Grams

**Counters:** Angie TenKley & Cindy Dvorak

### Liturgical Roles Sunday, September 20

**Announcer/Lector:** Mary Mell

**Ushers:** Kathy & Dave Leis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Bill Fitzpatrick

**Choir:** Trece Robson **Precious Blood:** Andrew Robson & Ann Fitzpatrick

**Gift Bearers:** Jessica & Ray Waters Family

**Servers:** Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch

**Rosary:** Mary Lou Graf

**Children's Lectionary:** Teresa Colsch

**Counters:** Mary Lou Graf & Gerry Bruening

### Church Support: September 6, 2026

**Adults:** \$ 1,340.00

**Adult Online Giving:** \$ 325.00

**Offertory:** \$ 165.00

**Help A Student:** \$ 40.00

**St. Patrick's Cemetery:** \$ 175.00

**St. Nicholas Cemetery:** \$ 969.00

**Votives:** \$ 23.50

**CCP Annual Dues:** \$ 25.00

**CCP Roll Sunday Donations:** \$ 88.00

**TOTAL; \$ 3,150.50**

### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel

**E mail Address:** [frapvogel@gmail.com](mailto:frapvogel@gmail.com)

**Sacramental Emergencies:** 507.722.0788

**Blog:** [fathervogel.wordpress.com](http://fathervogel.wordpress.com)

**Podcast:** Musings of a One-eared Catholic Priest

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Announcements

- ✚ **Adoration each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All are invited to stop in and spend some quiet time with the Lord.
- ✚ **Fr. Vogel will be leading the Spain Pilgrimage from September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>** and will not be available. Fr. Evans will cover Anointings and Funerals.
- ✚ **NO Tuesday Mass on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- ✚ **Parish Baby Shower for Gracie & Isaac Bruggeman & baby, Kash. Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** All parishioners are welcome. A meal will be served. If you would like to contribute towards a gift and to RSVP, contact Teresa Colsch or Karen Colsch.
- ✚ **Generations of Faith, Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

So far, my time in Spain has been great. We got rained on a bit today, but hopefully most of the rain is behind us. It was beautiful traveling with our group of pilgrims. We have gotten to see some amazing churches. I have gotten to celebrate Mass in some new interesting places. God is so good.

This week Jesus talks about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus if he should forgive his brother seven times. Peter thinks he is being ridiculously generous. However, Jesus comes back and says not seven times, but seventy-seven times. The number seven is connected to divine completeness, perfection, and covenant faithfulness. So, the double sevens suggest not the doubling of perfection, but the idea of completeness intensified, the idea of limitlessness. Jesus is telling Peter that love knows no limits. We should not keep track of how many times we have forgiven someone.

When we look at the Cross we are reminded how limitless Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness are towards us. How much more should we extend forgiveness to others? Yes, our love, mercy, and forgiveness should be limitless, but forgiving is not forgetting. There are many places in the Bible (Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 10:17, and others) where it talks about God not remembering our sins. However, God is infinite, perfect, and outside of time.

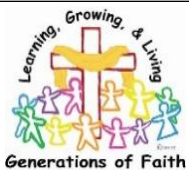
I know I'm repeating myself, but the example I use in Confession is if your son steals from your purse or billfold, you may forgive him. However, you are not going to leave a \$100 bill on the kitchen table. It would be too much of a temptation for him. He might regress in trying to grow in the virtue of not stealing. Even though you may forgive your son relatively quickly, he most likely needs to take some steps through time to show that he has acquired the virtue of not stealing completely.

So, on this side of heaven, sometimes

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### Altar Flower Donations:

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** *In memory of Kelly Mauss & Ken Wiese*  
By Barb Wiese



### GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2026-2027

Our new season of Generations of Faith will begin soon! We will come together again as a parish, for all-ages faith formation, to grow in our understanding and love of Faith.

**We will gather one Wednesday evening per month on the following dates from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**September 23, 2026**

**October 21, 2026**

**November 18, 2026**

**January 27, 2027**

**February 24, 2027**

**March 24, 2027**

This year we will explore the importance of prayer in our lives as disciples, and the many different ways to pray. Prayer has the power to change and transform us and the world. All are welcome! Come alone, come with your family, or bring a friend. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a complimentary meal. **Deacon Bob Yerhot will join us as our first presenter of the season.** It will be a great year of faith, food and fellowship!



### Dive into the Life of Jesus with us!

View episodes of "The Chosen" series. Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. No commitment. Just come when you can. All adults and high schoolers are welcome. Popcorn and lemonade will be available!

**Dates: September 15, October 6 & 13**



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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the most loving thing to do is not forget. So forgiving is love. Love is willing the good of another. So, if someone has sinned against me, can I forgive him, can I will his good? Can I will that good things happen to him? It could be that a good for him would be to face the consequences of what he did. It could be that a good for him would be for him to grow in virtue. And his ultimate good would be for him to become a saint and go to heaven. Can I will this for the person who wronged me? Can I will that they spend eternity with God in heaven?

As many have said before me, unforgiveness often doesn't hurt the person who hurt us. Often the only person unforgiveness harms is us. Study after study says that prolonged anger at someone affects us even physical bodies.

What anger or grudge have you been holding onto? Who do you need to forgive? Pray for the gifts of supernatural grace, supernatural mercy, and supernatural forgiveness. God wants to set you free. Allow him to set you free of the weight of unforgiveness.

Prays from Spain, *Father Vogel*

St. Patrick's Parish is grateful for a Bequest received this week in the amount of \$9,732.00 from the Jim and Karen W. Fitzpatrick living trust.



### Bishop Barron to Celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's

We invite all our parishioners, family, and friends to join us for a very special Mass on Sunday, September 20, at 8:00 a.m. as we welcome Bishop Barron to St. Patrick's. Following Mass, please join Bishop Barron and fellow parishioners for breakfast. Having our Bishop celebrate Mass with us is a special and meaningful occasion that does not happen often. We encourage everyone to come, show your support, and help make this a wonderful experience for our parish community.

### It's Time for a New Parish Directory!

**Photography Dates will be on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Patrick's Hall.** Every sitting photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. We need 100% participation to create memories! Schedule your professional photography session at the sign-up table in the Hall or simply go online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on **church code mn679**, with **password 679mem**. Follow the directions given and you should then see your name on the list of appointments.

**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. Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass. 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.



### Semcac Food Shelf

Thank you to those who donate and keep the cart filled each month! Items most in need during the month of September are: crackers, saltines, Hamburger Helper, ramen noodles, Tuna Helper. All other items are welcomed!



### Prayer Requests

✝ We have been asked to pray for our friend and neighbor, Joyce Brickman. Joyce is in the hospital and would appreciate our prayers very much.

### St. Patrick's Student Scholarships

Annual proceeds from the "Bill and Jan Howes Scholarship" fund, and the "Help a Student" fund, were sent to St. Mary's and Crucifixion schools in September to assist with tuition costs for the 2026-2027 school year. We are grateful to all who are contributing to these funds. Thank you for helping our parish youth to receive a Catholic faith-based



### St. Patrick's Fall Clean Up Day

Please consider coming to help with the many clean up needs around the Parish grounds and inside the Rectory and Hall.

Work will begin at 9:00 am on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, with lunch provided. Bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, and cleaning supplies!

### Father Joe Schneider

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Fr. Joe, who died peacefully at his home in Brownsville on Friday, September 11.

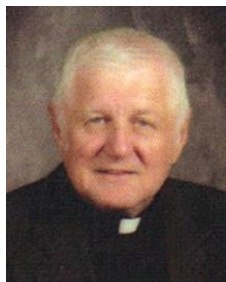
Fr. Joe became a parishioner of St. Patrick's following his retirement in 2018. He continued to share his gifts and serve our parish community by assisting with various ministries whenever he was able.

St. Patrick's was blessed to celebrate with Fr. Joe on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination in the summer of 2024. Later that fall, our parish family was also honored to support and assist him during his recovery from a serious car accident.

Over the years, Fr. Joe spent many Sundays with us, concelebrating Mass with Fr. Vogel and enjoying the fellowship and many gatherings of our parish community. His presence, friendship, and ministry will be deeply missed.

Please keep Fr. Joe, and all those who loved him in your prayers. Details regarding funeral and memorial arrangements will be shared in the parish bulletin as they become available

*Eternal rest, grant to him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



2026  
Catholic  
Ministries  
Appeal

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026

This year's theme, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," reminds us that Christ calls each of us to share in His mission. Through our generosity, we help support the diocesan programs and services made possible through the CMA.

**St. Patrick's Parish 2026 goal:** \$ 6,944.00  
**Support Pledged:** \$ 4,980.00 (72%)  
**Number of Donors:** 14

Thank you, donors! If you haven't already given, brochures and envelopes are located at church entrances. Please prayerfully consider helping our Parish to meet our goal in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal!



### Celebrating Grandparents

This weekend, the U.S. Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), reminds us that even amid the physical limitations and social isolation that can come with growing older, God knows and loves us perfectly as his beloved children! Many of us fondly remember being visited by our grandparents as a part of Grandparents' Day festivities. The excitement and joy we felt point to the many gifts older adults continue to offer to our communities. Through Catholic Charities' Active Aging programs, we connect older adults with opportunities to share those gifts as book buddies, pen pals, exercise leaders, and food shelf volunteers.

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



## Walk Together in Hope

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 8:30 A.M.**

**ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALBERT LEA, MN**

- 8:30 am Doors Open - Breakfast - Rochester Medical Mission dropoff
- 9:00 am Welcome and Business Meeting
- 9:30 am Morning Speaker, Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot
- 10:30 am Break & Vendors
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Vendors
- 12:45 pm Leadership Training
- St. Paul and Minneapolis ArchDiocesan "On the Road" Crew
- 3:45 pm Announcements - Drawing for Door prize(s)/Cupcake winner



**Speaker: Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot Program**  
Trauma Reboot, is a 12-week in-person or online program of healing through Christ. As a retired registered nurse, Marilyn, along with Kathy Schumann, has helped coordinate this program in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester with hope to expand across the diocese. They assist others heal from traumas while in a Christian setting.