



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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December 28, 2025

## Parish Business

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Ron & + Keta Bradford

#### Tuesday, December 30, 2025

5:30 p.m. ☩ NO MASS

#### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

6:00 p.m. ☩ + CJ Dvorak

#### Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Jared Hammell

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, December 28

**Announcer/Lector:** Kent Bezdicek

**Ushers:** Mike Moriarty & Dan Boser

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Bill Fitzpatrick

**Choir:** Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Adeline Colsch  
& 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

### Liturgical Roles - Sunday, January 4

**Announcer/Lector:** Karen Colsch

**Ushers:** Cary & Kathy Koel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Host:** Randy Mell

**Choir:** Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes  
& Bill Fitzpatrick

**Gift Bearers:** Nicole & Brent Carlon Family

**Servers:** Summer Colsch & Shauna Colsch

**Rosary:** Frank Dvorak

**Children's Lectionary:** Aleigha Burg

**Counters:** Dave Ammann & Karen Kohlmeyer

### Church Support: December 21, 2025

**Adults:** \$ 1,155.00

**Adult Online Giving:** \$ 150.00

**Offertory:** \$ 153.00

**Help A Student:** \$ 100.00

**Immaculate Conception:** \$ 20.00

**Christmas Offering:** \$ 20.00

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### Servant Leadership

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrew Vogel

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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### Announcements

✠ Fr. Vogel will be attending the HIM Broom Tree Retreat in Irene, S. Dakota December 29 – January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

✠ Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – There will be NO 5:30 pm Mass.

✠ Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Mass at St. Patrick's is at 7:00 pm. St. Mary's is at 5:10 pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

✠ January 4<sup>th</sup>, join fellow parishioners for Roll Sunday following Mass.

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I'm sure I said last year, unless your tree is a fire hazard, your tree and the rest of your Christmas decorations should still be up. Christmas is a season, not just a day. My sister got married to a man who had roots in the Middle East. After their wedding in Iowa, they went to the Middle East and celebrated for like three days. If we look at weddings and other celebrations in the Bible, the celebrations lasted for days. So, our celebration of Christmas should last for days. This year the Christmas season lasts until January 11 when we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.

This week I'll be gone. I have been asked to help out with a retreat for the Immaculate Heart Seminary. I'll be doing spiritual direction for the seminarians during their retreat at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Broom Tree is about an hour southwest of Sioux Falls. So, pray for me and the seminarians that we have a fruitful retreat.

Thus, I'll be gone on January 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since it is a Holy Day of Obligation, Father Marty Schaefer from the seminary will be coming down and offering Masses. We have 5:10 PM at St. Mary's and 7 PM at St. Patrick's on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Even though Mary is the Immaculate Virgin and Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, Joseph has a irreplaceable role to play in the Holy Family. We each have an important role to play in our families. By living out our role in our family, we live out our role in society. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2207 says, "The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society." I tell couples preparing for marriage, yes, take care of the kids, but once you

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**Church Support: December 21, 2025**

Special Offering:	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Donation:	\$ 110.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$ 150.00
Christmas Flower Donations:	\$ 89.00
Votives:	\$ 8.00

**TOTAL \$ 1,825.00****Liturgical Roles - Wednesday, December 31**

**Announcer/Lector:** Mary Mell  
**Ushers:** Dan Boser & Nick Serres  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Host: Father Schaefer  
**Choir:** Karen Colsch **Precious Blood:** Al Christian  
**Gift Bearers:** Barb Wiese & Marilyn Rose  
**Servers:** Walker Kohlmeyer  
**Counters:**

**New Year's Eve:**

5:10 p.m. @ St. Mary's  
 7:00 p.m. @ St. Patrick's

**Parish Giving Envelopes**

2026 parish giving envelopes are available in the Hall. Please pick yours up after Mass today. If you did not receive a box, please leave a message on the Parish Office phone: 507-482-6818. Thank you!

**Christmas Books**

The books at each church entrance are a Christmas gift to all parishioners and guests. The book is titled "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" by Matthew Kelly, a New York Times best-selling Catholic author. If you feel like there aren't enough hours in the day, and you're worn out and frazzled, this is the book for you! Reading just a few pages a day, will help you find balance and peace in your life. Enjoy the book and when finished, pass it on to a friend!

**Semcac Food Shelf**

There is a need for everything at this time. They are very grateful for your continued support.

*Christ* the savior  
is born.

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have done that, put your spouse ahead of your kids. The family is only as strong as your marriage with each other. I am absolutely convinced that if we want to heal our society, we need to support and heal our marriages. Holy, healthy marriages lead to holy, healthy families and holy healthy families lead to a more virtuous society. I strongly encourage you to use this Feast of the Holy Family to celebrate your marriage and to celebrate your family. Spend time together. Maybe a practical thing to do in the next couple of weeks is spend one more meal all together.

Merry Christmas, Fr Vogel

**St. Patrick's Christmas Party and Caroling**

Many thanks to all adults and youth who attended and helped with St. Patrick's Christmas Caroling Party!

To all who donated the delicious baked goods. To those who decorated and delivered cookies. To those who prepared and served the lunch. And to everyone who joined in the Caroling. It gave us all a true feeling of the spirit of Christmas to spread a little Christmas joy to others!

**Christmas Eve Choir Thanks**

Thank you to our Adult and Youth choirs for the beautiful music on Christmas Eve.

And to all who helped adorn the Church, to make our Christmas Eve Mass a truly beautiful experience to welcome our Lord and Savior!



**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.