



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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November 30, 2025

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Bill & + Irma Dvorak

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

5:30 p.m.  + John Reining

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m.  + Greg & + Angela Weichert

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, November 30

Announcer/Lector: Bill Fitzpatrick
Ushers: Dan Boser & Mike Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: **Host:** Karen Colsch
Choir: Ann Fitzpatrick **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Mary Mell
Gift Bearers: Barb Wiese & Marilyn Rose
Servers: Ryan Riederer & Justin Riederer
Rosary: Frank Dvorak
Children's Lectionary: Hope Flannery
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, December 7

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

Church Support: November 23, 2025

Adults:	\$	784.00
Adult Online Giving:	\$	150.00
Offertory:	\$	151.00
General Donation:	\$	3,005.00
Cemetery Donations:	\$	300.00
Mass Stipends:	\$	20.00
Votives:	\$	4.50

TOTAL \$ 4,414.50

Servant Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Vogel
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First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- ✠ **Tuesday, December 2nd** – St. Mary's Advent Memorial Service. Prayer, Scripture, Music, and Ritual. Refreshments following at Holy Family Hall.
- ✠ **December 7th – CCP Roll Sunday.** Come enjoy rolls, fruit, coffee/juice and conversations following Mass!
- ✠ **Holy Day Mass at 8:00 am on Monday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- ✠ **December 14th -- Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious (90%) and for Catholic University.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Well, happy liturgical new year. For those keeping track of such things (which is probably about one of you), we are now in Year A for Sunday readings and Year 2 for daily Mass readings.

Next Sunday, we have our Penance Service at St. Mary's. The service will go from 2-4 PM. There will be three priests hearing Confessions.

Advent is a time of waiting. I like to tell people the only thing I'm patient about is learning patience. Today, we have Jesus telling us to stay alert, to stay awake. Jesus mentions Noah. Here was a man building a boat in the middle of dry land for years. I'm sure he warned people that a flood was coming. However, they didn't heed his warning. They kept living their sinful lives. Sometimes the consequences of our actions are delayed. So much so that we forget about them. Sometimes sin can be that way. Sometimes we only face the consequences of our sin in the afterlife. However, everything we do has consequences, both good or bad. The ultimate consequence is going to heaven or hell. We don't earn our way to heaven. We get to heaven by saying yes to Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness. When we do, out of wanting to love Jesus back, we will strive to live holy lives. Out of trust in God's love for us, we believe that God's way is the best way to live our lives. It is a belief and trust that God created us and knows what is best for us that we strive for holiness, that we strive to become saints.

May you have a blessed Advent. May it be a time of waiting patiently for what the Lord wants to do next in your life.

God bless,
Fr Vogel



St. Patrick's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 20, 2025



2:00 p.m. Cookie Decorating
3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling and delivering cookies to the homebound and various friends and neighbors
4:00 p.m. Back to the Church for lunch, games and prizes

If you would like to join us for all, or part of the party, and help spread some Christmas cheer in our community, please call or text Debi at 507-459-0563.



The party is for both adults and children. Bring a friend - everyone is welcome!

If you know someone who would like a visit from the Carolers, please contact Debi.

Christmas Youth Choir

All youth in the Parish are invited to join in singing before Mass on Christmas Eve.



We will meet in the Hall after Mass, for rehearsals on the following Sundays: December 7th, 14th, and 21st



Please come and help us make a joyful noise as we welcome our Lord and Savior!

Little Blue Advent Booklets

"A great way to start your day prayerfully" The Little Blue Books are available at the Church entrances. Enjoy these short meditations daily during Advent and prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ child!

Family Movie Night

Zion Evangelical Church of Brownsville is inviting you to come and watch a movie the whole family can enjoy! Bring a comfortable chair (or bean bag) to sit on during the movie. Event will be on Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 pm. Concessions will be available, movie is free!

Men's Breakfast and Devotion will be at Zion Evangelical Church on Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 am. This will be a great time of food, fellowship, and time with the Lord!

Donation

St. Patrick's received a gift of a full Nativity Scene from the family of Jamie Conniff. Jamie passed away in October and her daughter, Jennifer, stated that this was a special gift that Jamie treasured. The scene will be displayed in the Vestibule

Christmas Décor



Each year we ask for donations for the purchase of our Christmas plants. Your donation allows us to adorn the altar and entrance with holiday arrangements. Parishioners can make a donation in the collection baskets at each door following Mass on December 7th, 14th, 21st. **Thank you!**



St. Mary's Advent Memorial Service

Let us come together as we remember our loved ones in prayer, scripture, music, and ritual on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Caledonia. Refreshments will follow in Holy Family Hall.



The DECEMBER edition of The Courier is available at the Church entrances. Please pick one up today!

Luren Singers Christmas Concert

You and your family are invited to the Luren Singers Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago St | Decorah IA. The theme of the concert is "Angels We Have Heard" featuring Guest Artists The Rhapsody String Quartet. Pianists are Dr. Jessica Paul and Chris Hadley. Dr. David Judisch and Doug Poppen will be conducting. Free Will Offering will be accepted



Semcac Food Shelf

Items that are most in need at this time are: cereals, pastas, sugar, boxed meals, mashed potatoes. All other items are greatly appreciated also. The Semcac Food Shelf is grateful for your generosity!

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal - Answering God's Call

The CMA is more than just a fundraiser. It's a way for us to come together, help others grow in their faith, provide for the poor, and continue the incredible work of Christ in our community.

St. Patrick's Parish 2025 Goal :	\$6,788.00
Received:	\$7,870.00 (116%)
Number of Donors:	25

We have exceeded our goal for 2025!!

Together we can continue to build up the Kingdom of God in Southern Minnesota! Funds over and above our goal will be returned to our Parish. Thank you to all of our generous donors!

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.