



St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish  
**West Albany**  
 419 W Lyon Ave  
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**November 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**



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<b>Brianna Evers: Director of Faith Formation</b> Hall/Office: (507) 753-2424 Cell: (507) 421-5766 Email: <a href="mailto:briannaeversfaithformation@gmail.com">briannaeversfaithformation@gmail.com</a>	<b>MISSION STATEMENT:</b> <i>To use our resources, wisdom, and energy to empower and encourage parish families and surrounding communities so that people see Christ in our works and commitment to make our parishes thrive and grow and to share our faith with others.</i>	
<b>Bulletin Items Contact: Becky Lukes</b> 30436 Hwy 60, Millville MN 55957 Cell: 507-990-6657 – please leave a message Email: <a href="mailto:westalbanybulletin@gmail.com">westalbanybulletin@gmail.com</a>	1. Please send any bulletin items to <a href="mailto:westalbanybulletin@gmail.com">westalbanybulletin@gmail.com</a> by <b>10 am Thursday</b> . 2. All Document bulletin items need to be in Word format so it can be copy/cut and paste into the bulletin. No photo copies of items, please. Typed content in the body of an email is OK, just so it can be copied/pasted into the bulletin.	

#### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Parishioners who are homebound and who wish to receive a pastoral visit should contact Father. Persons who are seriously ill or who are anticipating surgery should make arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing.

#### Baptism Preparation

Parents requesting the sacrament of Baptism should call the St. Mary Parish office -651-345-4134

#### Marriage Preparation

Couples should contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to discuss the marriage preparation program.

#### New Parishioner Signup

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about our St Patrick's Parish Family, please see Dennis Makoutz at church or contact him at 507-798-2518 or email address [makoutz.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:makoutz.dennis@gmail.com)

#### R.C.I.A.

Individuals who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith are invited to consider our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. You are welcome to contact Dave and Ann Marie Dose at (651) 345-2439.

#### Prayer Chain

To add a request to the prayer chain please contact Kim Stelling at [stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu](mailto:stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu)

#### Hall Rent

Parish members may rent St Patrick's Community Center. For prices and to reserve the hall, contact Meg Sprick at 651-345-4804.

#### Sharing Sunshine

Please contact Louann Fieck, 507-259-5824, if you know of any parish member or person in the community that would benefit from a get-well wish, some encouraging words, or even just a simple personal note from the parish. **Sharing Sunshine is in need of more 'Thinking of You' cards.**

My dear faithful of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester,

I am so grateful for the way that you have welcomed me to Southern Minnesota! I am overjoyed at being your Bishop and I look forward to seeing more of this beautiful Diocese as I continue to travel from parish to parish! I am writing to you to let you know that a decision has been made to build a new Pastoral Center for the Diocese in Rochester. This was made possible thanks to a very generous benefactor who will pay for the entirety of the new building. I am extremely grateful for this gift. I pray that the new pastoral center in Rochester will allow me and my staff to be even more available to the faithful of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Over 65% of the diocesan population lives in the area between Rochester and Mankato and I very much want to be near my people. In 2018, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Rochester was elevated to the status of a Co-Cathedral which also changed the name of the Diocese to Winona-Rochester. Winona will still be the home of our principal Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the minor Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and St. Mary's University. It has become apparent that the diocese would be better served by relocating the Pastoral Center to the City of Rochester. Even though construction has not yet taken place, I do hope the work will be completed by May, 2024 I thank you all for your faithfulness and I look forward to seeing you in the near future. Please continue to pray for me as I remain

Sincerely in Christ, Bishop Robert Barron

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

**is Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> after Mass**  
 Proceeds to St Joseph's cemetery fund.



#### **Calling all singers!**

Please join us for choir practice to prepare for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Pat's.

Practice will be Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 PM at the church. Thanks for considering - we'd love to have you.



#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve  
 4:00 pm – St Mary's, Lake City  
 6:00 pm – St Patrick's, West Albany  
 8:00 pm – St Mary's, Lake City  
 Sunday December 25 – Christmas Day  
 9:00 am – St Mary's, Lake City



**OH HOLY NIGHT!**



*During this season of  
 Advent  
 As we await the  
 Birth of our Lord,  
 May you experience  
 Hope – Joy – Love and Peace.*

#### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Please take a few tags from the back of church to help put items under the tree for 26 local kids this Christmas. Please return the gift wrapped with the tag lightly attached. We use those for identification purposes. Please return your gift by Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> to the back of church. Any questions, please contact Emily Dohrn 507-272-7679. Want to donate, but no time to shop, we also accept monetary donations and will do the shopping for you!

### Pastor's Corner

**"Truly, the LORD is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the LORD is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him! Yes, people of Zion, dwelling in Jerusalem, you shall no longer weep; He will be most gracious to you when you cry out; as soon as he hears he will answer you. The Lord will give you bread in adversity and water in affliction. No longer will your Teacher hide himself, but with your own eyes you shall see your Teacher," Ps 27:18-20**

Advent is a time of hopeful, expectant and joyful waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus: at His birth on Christmas day and His second coming at the end of the world. We are waiting, waiting, waiting for the Lord.

Waiting upon the Lord is important. It means we are patiently waiting for God to bless us and save us on His time line, not our own. Our culture is a very impatient society. Many people hate to wait. We want everything now. We do not want to delay gratification. We want instant gratification. We want things to go our way and our time-line. The truth is it is good to wait, because God knows what is best for us. When we wait upon the Lord we are putting everything into His hands, trusting in Him and surrendering to His will not our own.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

### ***The Road to Freedom: Advent Unbound Prayer.***

Saturday, Dec 3, 9am-3pm. St. Francis Church, Rochester  
Everyone is welcome to explore the life-giving prayer of Unbound's Five Keys. This diocesan event is designed to be an introduction to the spirituality of Unbound prayer, and an opportunity to receive prayer in the afternoon or by appointment in December. Please register by December 1 (and find more info) at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org).

### **Needed: Greeters/Sacristans**

The role of sacristan has been modified to mostly be done AFTER Mass, with the role of greeter BEFORE Mass.

If greeters arrive around 7:40, that should be great!

We're hoping this will make this ministry more appealing....

Also - Major Change -- this role will rotate on a weekly basis, not for a month at a time. Right now we only have 5 individuals/families signed up -- would you please consider helping with this ministry?

Please call/text Ann Marie Dose at 507-272-6222

We need you -- smiles.

### **ST PATRICK'S HOLIDAY FOOD SHELF DRIVE**

Hello St Patrick's parishioners. The holidays are upon us and what a great way to help others that are in need....and to keep it locally in our community. Please consider donating to one of our local food shelves this holiday season. A list of items that you can select from is attached. Please place the items in the back of the church.

**This food shelf drive is starting now and will run until Sunday, December 18th.** The items will then be taken over to the food shelf. There is an old saying -- "it is better to give than to receive". PLEASE HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON !!! THANK YOU.



### **St Patrick's Financial Updates**

November 20, 2022

Adult	\$ 615
Plate	\$ 148.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 10



### **Prepare for Jesus birth!**

Please join us in the church hall after mass on November 27<sup>th</sup> for an Advent activity. There will be snacks and drinks available along with fellowship and fun creations. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

### **St Mary's Christmas Bazaar**

will be held Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 am to Noon.

Vendors are welcome, please call the office to reserve a table.



### **Bulletin Prayer Requests**



If there is anyone you would like us to pray for and put in the bulletin, please call Becky Lukes at 507-990-6657 or send an email.

- For the repose of the soul of Marilyn Meyer
- In thanksgiving and praise for the many blessing God constantly bestows upon us, from the small gifts to the great ones.

### **St Mary / St Patrick's Website accessibility**

This is a QR code that when scanned with your smart phone or tablet will take you directly to the St Mary/St Patrick's website.



Please take a moment to scan the code and check out the website. It has many items of interest for both parishes.

### **Employment Opportunities**

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is currently accepting resumes for the following positions:

**Superintendent of Catholic Schools**  
**Special Events Coordinator**  
**Administrative Assistant**

The positions will initially be based out of Winona, MN until the new Diocesan Pastoral Center is built in Rochester, MN. Interested applicants should go to [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) for more information.

### **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday November 27 8:00 a.m. – Rick Stelling +**

**Sunday December 4 8:00 a.m. - Harry & Marilyn Meyer +**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church**

**HOUR OF MERCY PRAYER, ROSARY, CHAPLET, STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Ministry Schedule:**

**Nov 27 – Greeter/Sacristan:** Bill & Carmen Diedrich **Lector:** Dwaine Sexton **Server:** Millie Dohrn **Ushers:** Tom & Cooper Meyer  
**Gift Bearers:** Genna & Tahlí Meyer

**Dec 4 – Greeter/Sacristan:** Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Christy Shones **Server:** Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Bill & Carmen Diedrich  
**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Jasmine Sexton family

**Dec 11 – Greeter/Sacristan:** Meg Sprick **Lector:** Carmen Diedrich **Server:** Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Judy & Paul Kottschade  
**Gift Bearers:** Bill Diedrich & Rosy Krier

**Dec 18 – Greeter/Sacristan:** Louann Fieck **Lector:** Judy Kottschade **Server:** Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Dwaine Sexton & Ken Moyer  
**Gift Bearers:** Leslie Rolph family