ST. MARY'S **LAKE CITY**

Monday, December 18 7:00 - 8:00 PM ADORATION **9:00 AM NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 19 9:00 AM Francis & Veoma Renelt +

Wednesday, December 20 9:00 AM Sara Knee - Living Intention

Thursday, December 21

9:00 AM Aniceto Castillo - Deceased Members of their family

Friday, December 22 9:00 AM Dennis Hatleli +

10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE - Nursing Home

Saturday, December 23 5:00 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

Sunday, December 24 @ ST. MARY'S 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE @ ŠT. MARY'S **Deceased members of Clarence Wodele Family**

6:30 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 AM Kayla Murphy +

LITURGICAL ROLLES

December 24, 9:00 AM - 4th Sunday of Advent

Lector: Volunteer Servers: Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters: Frank Siebenaler, Volunteers

December 24, 4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Mass

Lector: Heather Thomas

Servers: Jason Wolf, Volunteer **Ushers & Greeters: Volunteers**

December 25, 9:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass

Lector: Volunteer Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Elmer & Mary Evers

Ushers & Greeters: Volunteers

ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF MOTHER TERESA



Open your hearts to the love of God. He loves you with tenderness, and He will give you not just to give but to share. And when you are praying, ask for courage that when you give you can give until it nurts. This kind of giving is love in ac-

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is Gaudete Sunday a fancy Latin word for Rejoice Sunday! We are getting ever closer to celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. This weekend, the priest often wears the rosecolored vestments because it is a color of rejoicing and joy. The candle on the Advent wreathe also reflects this color as well.

I want to write this article about my favorite Advent hymn which is O Come, O Come Emmanuel. I know that this song can be used over and over again. There is a lot of history behind these lyrics. Each verse represents and tells a story of how Christ is fulfilling the prophecy of old that he is indeed the Son of God. This tradition began as early as the 8th century.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Key of David,

opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,

splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:

come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Each day take a verse from this break out to pray about Jesus and his birth.

Sincerely, Fr. The Hoang



Lector needed from December 20th-April for 9 AM Mass on Wednes-

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A CHRISTMAS MARKET THANK YOU

Thank you to all who partici-

pated in our festive Christmas Market on Saturday, December 2nd. Our parish community came together to bring the joy of the Christmas Spirit to our church community, our Lake City Community and the surrounding area. It was a huge success! A big thank you to all who participated by donating, purchasing or as a volunteer. A special thank you to Cara Grism, Eileen Glander, Rathel Raths, Emmee Grism-Lopez, Ann Lewis, Barb Kobs Dorothy Arendt, LaVada Reckmann, Mary Ever, Linda Harvey, Robbie Benedict, and John Haeska who organized the event and the volunteers who made it happen.

God Bless You All!



Baptized Walker Edwin Rabehl, son of Tanner & Kriston Rabehl.

> George Charles Leonard, son of Joshua & Melanie Leonard.

May Jesus who loves all children, bless your precious little ones with His love and grace on this special day and always.

Please help the Ushers out by neatly putting the missalettes back in the pew book holder. Thank you!

PARISH SUPPORT - December 3, 2023

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,346.00
OFFERTORY	394.00
CANDLES	8.70
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	250.00
MASS STIPENDS	100.00
BOOK SALES	10.00
TABLE DISPLAY	21.00
RETIREMENT	170.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	150.00
BUUILDING MAINTENANCE	25.00

DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT \$3,929.00 **CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)**

DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR **BLDG. MAINTENANCE (11 Families)**

IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL!

\$644.00

Grief Support Luncheon



Thursday December 21, 2023 12:00 pm St. Patrick's Church Hall – West Albany, MN Grief support group striving to

December 17, 2023

provide support through your journey of loss. All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Sandy Danckwart 651-448-3386. January date is 1-18-24.



NO FAITH FORMATION ON WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 27TH & JANUARY 3RD.

FAITH FORMATION



Blood Drive at St. Mary of the Lake

Friday, December 29, 2023 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Schedule your blood donation appointment today! Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter:

lakecitymn to schedule an appointment.

ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent, Saturday, December 23 – 5PM @ St. Patrick's

December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent NO 8:00 AM Mass @ St. Patrick's 9AM Mass @ St. Mary's

December 24 - 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mary's 6:30 PM Mass @ St. Patrick's

December 25 - 9:00 AM Mass @ St. Marv's

