



	<p>St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish West Albany 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 Dec 17, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent</p>	
<p>Father Thê Hoàng Office: (651) 345-4134 Rectory: (651) 448-8541 Email: frthehoang@gmail.com</p>	<p>Deacon David Dose Home: (507) 273-1983</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT: <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></p>	<p>Mass Schedule <u>St. Patrick - West Albany</u> Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Confessions – 7:30 a.m. <u>St. Mary of the Lake - Lake City</u> Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Confession available before weekday Masses at St Mary's 8:20 – 8:50 am</p> <p>Web Site: stpatrickswestalbany.org Facebook Page: stpatrickswestalbany</p>
<p>Brianna Evers: Director of Faith Formation Hall/Office: (507) 753-2424 Cell: (507) 421-5766 Email: briannaeversfaithformation@gmail.com</p>	<p>Bulletin Items / Mass Intentions Contact: Becky Lukes Cell: 507-990-6657 – please leave a message Email: westalbanybulletin@gmail.com Please contact Becky to confirm mass intention scheduling as intentions are placed weeks and months in advance.</p>	<p>QR code to St Mary / St Patrick's website. You can visit the website and view the calendar on your smartphone by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.</p> 
<p>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.</p> <p>Baptism Preparation Parents requesting the sacrament of Baptism should call the St. Mary Parish office -651-345-4134</p> <p>Marriage Preparation Couples should contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to discuss the marriage preparation program.</p> <p>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 Father Hoang at church or contact him at 651-345-4134 or email address thoang@dowr.org</p>		
<p>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.</p> <p>Prayer Chain To add a request to the prayer chain please contact Kim Stelling at stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sunshine Blessings 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.</p>		
<p>Bulletin Prayer Requests</p> <p> 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 to westalbanybulletin@gmail.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please pray for those struggling with addiction & their families.• Please pray for all of our service men and women, that they will all come home safe.• Please pray for all those grieving during the holiday season, that they may be comforted in the memories of their loved ones and find peace in the season.• Please pray for a family that is trying to save the home farm from being sold.• Pray for the family and friends of Francis Appel and all those missing loved ones during this holiday season.		
<p>Make plans to join your parish family as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday December 23</p> <p>Mass will begin at 5:00 pm – the Children's Christmas program will take place after mass in the hall.</p> <p>We will also be setting up in the Church for Christmas Eve – some before the program and finishing touches after (remember many hands make light work)</p> <p>There will be a light supper after the program – pulled pork sandwiches will be provided – please bring a salad or dessert for potluck</p> <p>Thank you Father The for joining us for the program!</p>		
<p>Please take note of the times for the Masses next weekend!</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5pm at St. Patrick's Children's Christmas program immediately following Mass in the hall</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 24 - no 8am Mass at St. Pat's 9am Mass at St. Mary's</p> <p><i>Christmas Liturgies</i></p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4 pm at St. Mary's 6:30 PM at St. Pat's</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 25 - 9am Mass at St. Mary's</p>		
<p>Come one, come all! Join us for choir practice at church to prepare for Christmas Eve.... Tuesday at 6:45, December 19. See you there!</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who helped with the Bazaar/Craft – Bake Sale/Lunch in one way or another. Our profit this year was \$2064.</p>		



Bits from Brianna

Attention Parents of Faith Formation Students - - if you would like a place to go, stay warm, share fellowship, etc during classes on Sunday mornings; please come in to the hall. We'll have an electric hot water kettle and hot coca mix, tea, instant coffee, and other beverages available for you. Please come inside!

Grief Support Luncheon Thursday December 21 12:00 pm St Patrick's Church Hall – West Albany

Grief support group striving to provide suport through your journey of loss.
All are welcome.
Please RSVP to Sandy Danckwart 651-448-3386
The next support group meeting will be January 18, 2024



The full list of Christmas flower donations will be attached to the bulletin on 12/23

Thank you for your understanding.

Pastor's Corner

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 rose-colored 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

Mass Schedule:

Sunday December 17 8:00 a.m. – Harry & Marilyn Meyer +

Saturday December 23 5:00 p.m. – Ed Riley +

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:

Dec 17 – 8:00 am – Greeter/Sacristan: Margie & Jerry Ott **Lector:** Dianne Johnson **Server:** Millie Dohrn **Ushers:** Bill & Carmen Diedrich
Gift Bearers: Matt & Emily Dohrn family

Dec 23 – 5:00 pm – Greeter/Sacristan: Louann Fieck **Lector:** Kathleen Evers **Server:** Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Dwaine Sexton & Ken Moyer
Gift Bearers: Marv & Linda Hofschulte

Dec 24 – 6:30 pm – Greeter/Sacristan: Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Louann Fieck **Server:** Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Tom & Cooper Meyer
Gift Bearers: Genna & Tahli Meyer