




	<p>St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish West Albany 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 Dec 23, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Advent Dec 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve</p>	
Father Th�� Ho��ng Office: (651) 345-4134 Rectory: (651) 448-8541 Email: frthehoang@gmail.com	Deacon David Dose Home: (507) 273-1983	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 Web Site: stpatrickswestalbany.org Facebook Page: stpatrickswestalbany
Brianna Evers: Director of Faith Formation Hall/Office: (507) 753-2424 Cell: (507) 421-5766 Email: briannaeversfaithformation@gmail.com	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>	
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.	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. 	
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 Father Hoang at church or contact him at 651-345-4134 or email address thoang@dowr.org		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 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. 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.
Please join the St Patrick's Faith Formation students in the hall after mass for their Christmas program. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Experience the birth of Christ through our children's eyes! There will be a light supper after the program – pulled pork sandwiches will be provided – please bring a salad or dessert for potluck.		 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 to westalbanybulletin@gmail.com <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 gentleman who recently underwent surgery for recurrent cancer as well as his loved ones. • Prayers need for a 3 month old baby girl in the hospital battling RSV. • Please pray for all those dealing with dealing with depression and their families
		
Please take note of the Mass times for this weekend! Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5pm at St. Patrick's Children's Christmas program immediately following Mass in the hall Sunday, Dec. 24 - no 8am Mass at St. Pat's 9am Mass at St. Mary's <i>Christmas Liturgies</i> Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4 pm at St. Mary's 6:30 PM at St. Pat's Monday, Dec. 25 - 9am Mass at St. Mary's		 St Patrick's CCW will be having their quarterly meeting on January 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the church hall. Eucharistic adoration is from 5-6 pm in the church for those that would like to attend beforehand. 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 style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU</p> <p>At the close of 2023, the Parish Volunteer Team (PVT) of St Patrick's would like to thank all parishioners and other supporters of our Parish. We had a successful fundraising year with 3 pancake breakfasts, 2 chicken BBQ dinners, Fall Dance & Raffle along with other activities.</p> <p>Because of our partnership with, and support from Catholic United Financial, we were able to make additional donations to the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6,000 to St Patrick's steeple fund • \$500 each to Cemeteries of St Patrick's, St Clement's and St Joseph • \$500 to the Richard Schuler Seminary Fund • \$500 to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary • \$250 each to the Plainview/Elgin food shelf and the Lake City food shelf <p>We again say Thank You and invite and encourage new volunteers to join us and help with 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">St Patrick's Parish Volunteer Team #29 of Catholic United Financial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor's Corner</p> <p>Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,</p> <p>We are now on the 4th Sunday of Advent and will celebrate the birth of Christ shortly after when Christmas falls on a Monday. I pray that it has been a fruitful Advent and joyous occasion for you and your families. It also has been a tough year for our parish and community with some of the tragedies that we have experienced here. God sees all of it and greatly desires to take on the pain and bring you further healing.</p> <p>The season of Advent is a time for us to grow closer to God, bring everything to him, and lay at his feet just like the shepherds and wise men who came to pay homage to the newborn king. Jesus is coming and will soon restore us to our original state of glory. He does this by bringing us hope and reminding us of all the promises that He has made to us. We are children and his people. We are special to him just as he is special to us.</p> <p>Let us challenge ourselves to grow in holiness by seeking a path to forge new healing amidst family members and friends who have been drifting away from our lives. If Christ can come into a world that rejected him even at his birth, should we not go to the marginalized and call them back home?</p> <p>I pray that you will experience a wonderful Christmas with your families and loved ones! Christ is here and with us! Let us live a life of peace, hope, and joy throughout our lives!</p> <p>Just a reminder that I will be gone from January 1 through 5, 2024 to attend a conference called Seek24 and we have a few kids from the parish attending. It's a large conference for college students to meet Christ and encounter him. There will be no Mass scheduled during the week but I will return to celebrate the Masses for the weekend.</p> <p>Sincerely, Fr. The</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Statement from Bishop Barron</p> <p>On Monday, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Francis, published a declaration entitled Fiducia Supplicans, which has given rise to a good deal of commentary and controversy. The document allows for the possibility of blessing those in irregular or same-sex relationships. Despite some misleading reporting in the media, Fiducia Supplicans in no way sanctions irregular bonds or changes the Church's teaching on marriage and sexuality. It further specifies that no liturgical blessing can be offered to those in such unions, but rather an informal pastoral blessing. This latter benediction is a calling forth of the divine grace to help those who receive it to live more fully in accord with God's will and to enhance whatever is good, true, and beautiful in their lives.</p> <p>I believe that the declaration is very much congruent with the pastoral instincts of Pope Francis, who always wants to remind those who are living the Christian life in a less than perfect way that they are, never-the-less, loved and cherished by God. To all of Jesus' brothers and sisters, the Church should never fail to be a source of welcome, compassion, and blessing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Support</p> <table> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;">December 10</p> <p>Adults \$785 Plate \$215.25 Mass Stipend \$25 Christmas Flowers \$95 Retired Religious \$65 Immaculate Conception \$80 Steeple Pledge \$5000 Steeple Donation \$300</p> </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;">December 17</p> <p>Adults \$1,250 Plate \$199 Ag Partners dividend \$ 337.50 PVT donation \$500 Church Flowers \$40 Christmas Offering \$15 Steeple Donation \$12,200</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 10</p> <p>Adults \$785 Plate \$215.25 Mass Stipend \$25 Christmas Flowers \$95 Retired Religious \$65 Immaculate Conception \$80 Steeple Pledge \$5000 Steeple Donation \$300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 17</p> <p>Adults \$1,250 Plate \$199 Ag Partners dividend \$ 337.50 PVT donation \$500 Church Flowers \$40 Christmas Offering \$15 Steeple Donation \$12,200</p>
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Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday December 24 6:30 p.m. – Tim Krismer +

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 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

Jan 1 Greeter/Sacristan: Bill & Carment Diedrich **Lector:** Ann Marie Dose **Server:** Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Judy & Paul Kottschade
Gift Bearers: Liz Riley family

Jan 7 Greeter/Sacristan: Meg Sprick **Lector:** Dawn Sexton **Server:** Millie Dohrn **Ushers:** Don Sexton & Gary Timm
Gift Bearers: Matt & Emily Dohrn family

Jan 14 Greeter/Sacristan: Margie & Jerry Ott **Lector:** Dwaine Sexton **Server:** Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Jerry Ott & Linkkon Riley
Gift Bearers: Merrilea Smith & Louann Fieck

Jan 21 Greeter/Sacristan: Louann Fieck **Lector:** Christy Shones **Server:** Bill Sexton **Ushers:** Bill & Carmen Diedrich
Gift Bearers: Dianne Johnson family