




	<p>St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish <b>West Albany</b> 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 <b>May 7<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b></p>					
<p><b>Father Matthew Fasnacht</b> Office: (651) 345-4134 Rectory: (651) 448 8541 Email: frfasnacht@acegroup.cc</p>	<p><b>Deacon David Dose</b> Home: (507) 273-1983</p> <p><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></p>	<p><b>Mass Schedule</b> <u>St. Patrick - West Albany</u> Sunday - 8:00 a.m. <b>Confessions</b> – 7:30 a.m. <u>St. Mary of the Lake - Lake City</u> Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m. <b>Confession</b> available before weekday Masses at St Mary's 8:20 – 8:50 am <b>Web Site:</b> stpatrickswestalbany.org <b>Facebook Page:</b> stpatrickswestalbany</p>				
<p><b>Brianna Evers: Director of Faith Formation</b> Hall/Office: (507) 753-2424 Cell: (507) 421-5766 Email: briannaeversfaithformation@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Bulletin Items</b> Contact: Becky Lukes 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></p>					
<p><b>Pastoral Care of the Sick</b> 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><b>Baptism Preparation</b> Parents requesting the sacrament of Baptism should call the St. Mary Parish office -651-345-4134</p> <p><b>Marriage Preparation</b> Couples should contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to discuss the marriage preparation program.</p> <p><b>New Parishioner Signup</b> If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about our St Patrick's Parish Family, please see Father Fasnacht at church or contact him at 651-345-4134 or email address frfasnacht@acegroup.cc</p> <p><b>R.C.I.A.</b> 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><b>Prayer Chain</b> To add a request to the prayer chain please contact Kim Stelling at <a href="mailto:stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu">stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu</a></p> <p><b>Hall Rent</b> 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><b>Sharing Sunshine</b> 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><b>Eucharistic Congress Updates!</b> <b>Early Bird pricing for tickets has been extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>.</b> Registration for the Eucharistic Congress as been opened to the public as many people from outside of the diocese have expressed interest in attending. Space at the congress is limited, so if you would like to attend and have not registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. There is a sign up list for bus transportation at the back of the church. <b>Cost for the bus ride is \$10.</b></p> <p>The Eucharistic Congress titled 'This is My Body'. Will take place June 10, 2023 at the Mankato Civic Center. This Congress will draw thousands of Catholics from across our Diocese. There will be national speakers, music, service, a Eucharistic procession and will conclude with our diocesan Corpus Christi Mass. This event is designed for rejoicing, renewal, and mission. Let us hope for a revival of our love for Jesus in the Eucharist! This could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! <b>You can register and purchase your ticket online at: <a href="http://www.eucharist.dowr.org">www.eucharist.dowr.org</a></b> <b>Click on Eucharistic Congress This is My Body</b></p> <p>Please keep in mind that you will need to be able to access your ticket on a mobile device at the congress or bring a printed copy with you to the event.</p>						
<p>The PVT team will meet Tuesday May 9th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend the meeting. The discussion will focus on future activities for St Patrick's</p> <p><b>Diaconate Ordination of Seminarian Brian Klein</b> When: Saturday May 27th at 10 am Where: Basilica of St Stanislaus Kostka in Winona, MN <i>Everyone is invited to attend!</i></p>						
<p><b>St Patrick's Financial Updates</b></p> <p>April 30, 2023</p> <table><tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$ 775</td></tr><tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 121.25</td></tr></table> <p></p>			Adult	\$ 775	Plate	\$ 121.25
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<p><b>Mark your Calendars for Upcoming St Patrick's events:</b></p> <p>May 7 First Communion at both parishes May 9 PVT meeting 7 pm May 11 The Wellspring meeting at St James Coffee in Rochester</p>						
<p><b>CCW</b></p> <p>With Fr. Fasnacht's approval, CCW has obtained a Votive light prayer stand from St. Mary's church in Houston which closed last year. The stand is located in the back of the church in front of the statues.</p>						
<p><b>The Holy Father's Intention For May 2023 For Church Movements and Groups</b></p> <p>We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisma at the service of needs in the world.</p>						

**Eucharistic Miracles Display:** The schedule is out for the traveling Vatican Display of Eucharistic Miracles.

Dates and locations are listed below.

- **St John the Baptist, Mankato** May 6 – 11
- **St Mary, Worthington** May 13 – 18
- **Co-Cathedral of ST John the Evangelist, Rochester** May 20 - 25



#### **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](mailto:westalbanybulletin@gmail.com)

- Please pray for those struggling with mental illness, that they may find some peace.
- Please pray for a family who recently lost a son to suicide.
- Please pray for the Air Force's 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron "The Flying Vikings" and their families as they are stationed near the Sudan and are on 'high alert'
- Please pray for a family with 3 children now expecting the 4<sup>th</sup>, her name is Josephine, and she is expected to go to Jesus either before or shortly after she is born
- Please pray for a young family whose wife/mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

**Weekly Rosary Rallies** for our country, conversion, and peace take place on Sunday in Rochester near the Government Center at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St SE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. Start time is 3 pm and they last 35 minutes. This Rally includes the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Please Join in this prayer event. If you have questions, please contact Janela Hubka at [daveandjanela@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090

**May 11: The Wellspring: Spiritual Nourishment for Parents of Children with Disabilities**, Saint James Coffee, 6:30pm-7:30pm, 2nd Thursday every month. This new monthly gathering is open to all parents caring for children living with disabilities (young or adult children). Please encourage attendance for any parents wishing to grow in their particular vocation of caring and advocating for their children with special needs, as we engage in faith sharing and encouragement. An additional daytime gathering is planned to start in the Fall. For more information, contact Susan Windley-Daoust at [swindley@dowr.org](mailto:swindley@dowr.org)

#### **Pastor's Corner**

***"Jesus said to the apostles, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Mt 16:15-19***

What a great blessing the Catholic Church is. The Church is a great gift from God. In the gospel above Jesus appointed St. Peter as the first leader (Pope) of the Church and gave St. Peter the "keys of the Kingdom" and the authority to "bind and loose." What does that mean? Binding and loosing are symbolic words which mean that Jesus is giving St. Peter the authority to give authoritative teaching on faith and morals and the ability to excommunicate. The "keys" are a symbol of the authority to control and govern God's house the Church (see Is 22:15-25).

The Catholic Church is a tremendous gift because we who are Jesus' sheep can simply follow the shepherds (Pope and bishops) as they lead us to the promised land. Because Jesus created the Church and guides it through the Holy Spirit we can enjoy the safe route to salvation. Popes and bishops are obviously flawed and broken, but that does not diminish God's ability to guide us and save us if we follow the Church's teachings faithfully. It's all about authority. We follow the Catholic Church because it is the only church Jesus created and gave authority to.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht



The St. Patrick's webpage is being updated with particular focus on the Calendar of Events.

You can visit the website and view the calendar on your smartphone by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.

#### **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday May 7 8:00 a.m. – Frank & Theresa Wilkus +**

**Sunday May 14 8:00 a.m. - members of St Patrick's CCW, living and deceased**

**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:**

**May 7 – 8:00 am – Greeter/Sacristan:** Meg Sprick & the St Patrick's First Communion Class **Lector:** Kathleen Evers **Server:** Millie Dohrn

**Ushers:** Archer & Matt Dohrn & Bill & Scott Sexton **Gift Bearers:** Lola Dick & Oaklyn Ryan

**May 14 – 8:00 am – Greeter/Sacristan:** Margie & Jerry Ott **Lector:** Christy Shones **Server:** Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Dwaine Sexton & Ken Moyer

**Gift Bearers:** Judy & Paul Kottschade

**May 21 – 8:00 am – Greeter/Sacristan:** Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Judy Kottschade **Server:** Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Don Sexton & Gary Timm

**Gift Bearers:** Marv & Linda Hofschulte

**May 28 – 8:00 am – Greeter/Sacristan:** Vicki & Ken Moyer **Lector:** Carmen Diedrich **Server:** Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Judy & Paul Kottschade

**Gift Bearers:** Leonard & Helen VanHouten