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<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>Kudos and gratitude to all who stayed after Mass January 7 to help take down Christmas decorations. We were done in no time at all - wow! Thanks so much!!</p>		
<p>Grief Support Luncheon January 18, 2024 12:00 pm St Patrick's Church Hall Grief support group striving to provide support through your journey of loss. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Sandy Danckwart 651-448-3386</p> 		
		
<p>CCW  Council of Catholic Women</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p>MASS FOR LIFE January 21, 2024 10:00 am Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa MN Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barron</p> 		

THANK YOU

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.

Because of our partnership with, and support from Catholic United Financial, we were able to make additional donations to the following areas.

- \$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

We again say Thank You and invite and encourage new volunteers to join us and help with 2024.

St Patrick's Parish Volunteer Team #29
of Catholic United Financial

Statement from Bishop Barron

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.

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.

Many thanks to Francis and Joanne Appel and family for donating a new chalice and paten to St. Patrick's Church in honor of Francis and Joanne. Father blessed it last Sunday during Mass. It is a beautiful chalice, especially showing Francis' love for the Eucharist.

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have now moved from the Christmas season back into the Ordinary Time! I pray that the Christmas season was a wonderful time for you and your family and a happy new year to all. I know that it's misleading at times because of the word ordinary. We often blow past this period because we think nothing special is happening. This time is far from Ordinary if we look at what has happened before this time and what shall happen after. The Catholic Church is teaching us how to work on our faith so that it can grow while building our hope for the future in the goodness of God.

Take the readings, for example, John the Baptist shows who Jesus is to his disciples so they, in turn, drop everything to follow Jesus. This is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We always can go deeper with God and He doesn't want us to remain motionless, or stagnant in our relationship with him. God is loving but also challenging because he wants us to grow in holiness.

Ordinary Time is a time of deeper prayer and training to get into a routine with God. I was serious in asking for your help in making both of our parishes grow. There is a great opportunity for our youth called NEXT. It's happening on February 24, 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm at St. Thomas Moore Newman Center. The cost is \$10.00 so I don't want to hear any complaining when we already over-priced drinks at Starbucks and caribou coffee for \$6-8 drinks.

It's a day to get tools and hear from speakers about what the next steps are for us, especially in receiving confirmation. Bishop Barron will be a speaker and offering Mass as well. This event is open for high school students who have received confirmation already. I will also be there at least halfway and then I will travel back to the parish for confessions and Mass in the evening.

Please talk to any of your children or grandchildren who have already received their confirmation to seriously consider going to this day of reflection, prayer and lots of fun as well.

Sincerely,
Fr. The

Parish Support - January 7, 2024

Adult \$ 955

Plate \$ 284

First Offering \$ 75

Thank you for your generous support!



Mass Schedule:

Sunday January 14 8:00 a.m. – Gene & Sharon Krismer +

Sunday January 21 8:00 a.m. – Carol Kruger +

***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:

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

Jan 28 - Greeter/Sacristan: Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Judy Kottschade **Server:** Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Ken Moyer & Dwaine Sexton

Gift Bearers: Socct & Jasmine Sexton family

Feb 4 - Greeter/Sacristan: Bill & Carmen Diedrich **Lector:** Carmen Diedrich **Server:** Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Leon Sexton & Jim Evers

Gift Bearers: Judy & Paul Kottschade