



	<p>St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish West Albany 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 January 7, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord</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>If you are able to stay after Mass this Sunday, January 7, to help take down Christmas decorations, it would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work.</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.• The 3 month old baby girl is out of the hospital and doing well. Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's healing mercy.• Please pray for all those dealing with dealing with depression and their families• Please pray for Jessica Makoutz and her family. She is in the hospital with severe pain.• Please pray for Mike Cronin who recently had open heart surgery	
<p>Grief Support Luncheon January 18, 2024 12:00 pm St Patrick's Church Hall</p> <p>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>Wise Men Still Seek Him!</p>		
<p>Keep in touch with us!</p> <p>TEXT STPATWA TO 84576</p> <p>OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT: stpatrickswestalbany.flocknote.com</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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany! We often know it as the arrival of the Wisemen from the East.

It seems rather odd that the Catholic Church has a feast to celebrate three wise men who came to Jesus. What's the big deal? God is wise in His ways of slowly revealing the identity of Jesus as being His Only Begotten Son. This feast shows us a revelation of what type of person Jesus will be for us.

We know right away that Jesus isn't ordinary when three wise kings who have studied the stars and planets revealed the strange movement of the stars to a certain birth that will change the history of the world. Even the world will bow down to acknowledge the birth of Christ.

The three gifts that the kings bring provide more clues to Jesus identity. Gold to signify his royalty as being the prince of peace. Frankincense to signify his priestly ministry. Myrrh to signify the death that he will have to save us from our sins and bring us to heaven! This is our origin and call from baptism. We are children of God with God as our Father, Mary as our Mother, saints as our siblings, and heaven as our true home! It's good to be Catholic!

Sincerely,
Fr. The

Parish Support - December 31

Adult \$1379
Plate \$ 75
Mass Stipend \$ 25
Hall Rent \$ 250
Christmas Offering \$ 50
First Offering \$ 20
Steeple Donation \$ 275



Thank you for your generous support!



Mass Schedule:

Sunday January 7 8:00 a.m. – Sylvester & Cecelia Wingert +

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

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

Jan 28 Greeter/Sacristan: Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Judy Kottschade **Server:** Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Ken Moyer & Dwaine Sexton
Gift Bearers: Soctt & Jasmine Sexton family