

ST. MARY’S

Monday, February 19  
7:00 - 8:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, February 20  
9:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, February 21  
9:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, February 22  
9:00 AM Deceased members of the George Velasquez family

Friday, February 23  
9:00 AM Joan Sherlock +  
10:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, February 24  
5:00 PM Bob Harris +

Sunday, February 25  
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Patrick’s & West Albany  
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s

LITURGICAL ROLLES

February 24, 5:00 PM  
Lector: Dolores Berg

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters: Tom Haase, Gene and Kathie Durand

February 25, 10:00 AM  
Lector: 7th Grade Class

Servers: 7th Grade Class

Ushers & Greeters: 7th Grade Class

PARISH SUPPORT - FEBRARY 4, 2023

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	5,834.00
OFFERTORY	462.00
VIGIL CANDLES	41.00
BUILDING FUND	20.00
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,929.00
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. MAINTENANCE (11 Families)	\$644.00
IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY’S IN YOUR	

Lenten Penance Service:  
Sunday February 25th 3:30 PM

LAKE CITY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are officially in the season of Lent when we celebrate Ash Wednesday! Let us be more awake and intentional throughout these 40 days of Lent.

Jesus is inviting all of us for a further change of heart from a life of sin to a life of holiness. One simple thing we can do is pray a specific prayer made by the Eucharistic Revival before Mass begins. It’s a beautiful prayer that calls us to be further attentive to what happens at every mass. We will pray this prayer for Lent, and we might continue to add it. These prayers can be found within your Breaking Bread books. Please keep this prayer card within the books so we can use it weekly.

This is a gentle reminder that, as a Catholic Church, we focus on three prayers within the season of Lent. The three pillars are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Creating one goal for all three pillars might be a good idea. For example, I want to start my day with morning prayer throughout Lent. You can download the ibreviary app on your phone to get started.

A goal for almsgiving could be, instead of buying that particular drink at Caribou, I will use that money to light a candle for a person I can pray for at church. I could save up some money to increase my tithing or donate more to local charities within town.

A goal for fasting isn’t just refraining from eating meat on Fridays. We could fast more from using social media such as I will only allow myself 15 to 30 minutes to check the social media platforms daily. I can refrain from watching TV and movies during the weekdays just to watch one on Sunday. There are many other ideas out there I haven’t mentioned, so continue to brainstorm, but write them down and live them out for the next 40 days of Lent.

Lastly, I will accompany the diocese priests on retreat from Feb. 18-21, 2024. There won’t be Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Sincerely,  
Fr. The


Lenten Activities

Mondays– 7AM-8PM Adoration  
Mondays– 8PM Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer  
Tues.-Friday– 9 AM Mass  
Thursdays– 9:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer  
Fridays– 5:30 PM Stations and Confessions  
Sunday Feb 25th –Lenten Penance Service




1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIAPER DRIVE


 Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota helps people all over the Diocese in all sorts of ways. From February 17 through March 5th our Parish looks to help the littlest members of our communities with a Diaper Drive Collection sponsored by their Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption (PPA) program. This program provides parents with diapers and wipes once a month, ensuring thier babies have access to clean and dry diapers. This makes a big impact on the health and well being of low income families. Diapers are the most requested non-food item at area food banks. The PPA program is one of the few programs that provides diaper assistance. Last year, 500 packs of diapers and 400 packs of wipes were donated to families in need. This year, the need is even greater. Place diapers, wipes or monetary donations in the baskets at both entrances of the Church. Thank you for suppporting this CCW parish project of a Diaper Drive Collection of Catholic Charities.

FAMILY DINNER & GAME NIGHT

 Friday, February 23rd  
5:30 PM Stations followed by Pot Luck & Games!  
Bring your favorite Lenten Dish to share.

  
MEN’S GROUP  
February 22,@6:30 PM—  
Meet in the Church for a short prayer before heading over to the rectory

Mark Your Calendars!  
The youth going to Camp Summit will be raising funds to help pay for camp through a couple upcoming fundraisers.

 **Quilt Raffle**– Mission Sewing has donated a queen size quilt for the students to use to raffle off. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$25 for 6. Winner will be drawn on April 21st at the Spaghetti dinner.


**Spaghetti Dinner**– April 21st 11AM-2PM  
Menu– Spaghetti with homemade sauce, Salad, Garlic bread, and Dessert. Tickets are \$10 presale or \$15 at the door.


Tickets go on sale starting next weekend Feb. 24th and 25th. They can be bought after Mass or in the office.


All proceeds will be going to help pay for students to attend Camp Summit.

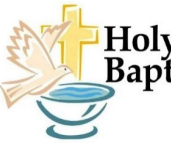


FEBRUARY 18, 2024

 Camp Summit will be the week of July 22-25th. It is open to anyone going into 6 -12th grades. Registration opens Feb. 1st. **There are 6 openings for 6-8 graders and 2 openings for 9-12 grade. Also looking for 1 more Chaperone. If interested let the office know.** **Totus Tuus** will once again be here this summer! June 16-21st!

 You are welcome to join the Serrans of Wabasha County as they sponsor a Holy Hour to pray for vocations on February 18, 12-4 PM at St. Mary’s Church in Lake City. Questions can be directed to the church office at 651-345– 4134

 **Remember in your prayers:**  
**Kathleen Hollman, mother to Greg, Dina, and Heidi**  
**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**

 We welcome our newest member of St. Mary of the Lake through Holy Waters of Baptism, Ava Ann Schinter, daughter of Marisa and Craig Schinter.

**Why Stations of the Cross?**  
Along with icons, stained glass, and statues, it's easy to overlook the other collection of images that decorate most Catholic Churches: the Stations of the Cross.

"The Way of the Cross" (in Latin, *Via Crucis*; or the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Way of Sorrows") is a devotion that traces the last stage of the journey that Jesus walked in his earthly life: from the Garden of Olives through his death on the Cross.

**Where did this practice come from?**  
Traditions tell of the early Christians retracing the steps of Christ and pilgrims walking this way in Jerusalem. Around the 17th century, knowing that many Christians couldn't travel to the Holy Land, permission was given to local parishes to start creating their own "Stations" of the Cross. We have practiced this tradition (especially during Lent) ever since!

**How many stations are there?**  
There are fourteen stations. There have been varying versions of the practice, from 5 to 12 to the now-settled 14.

**Why is this devotion important?**  
The Stations of the Cross invites us to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer. We can't skip ahead to Easter Sunday; we must acknowledge the entire journey of Christ's Paschal Mystery, and taking time in reflecting on the agony of Christ's last hours before death can call us deeper into this mystery of love and bring us to deeper conversion

