

ST. MARY’S

**Monday, February 26**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM ADORATION**  
**9:00 AM NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 27**  
**9:00 AM Michelle McElmury+**

**Wednesday, February 28**  
**9:00 AM Ed Thornton+**

**Thursday, February 29**  
**9:00 AM Darrell Peterson +**

**Friday, March 1**  
**9:00 AM NO MASS**  
**5:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 2**  
**5:00 PM Harold Berg +**

**Sunday, March 3**  
**8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Patrick’s & West Albany**  
**10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s**

LITURGICAL ROLLES

**March 2, 5:00 PM**  
**Lector: Ann Schreck**

**Servers: Louise Freid, Bella Raths**

**Ushers & Greeters: Ed and Pam Bauman, Jon and Anne Beckmann**

**March 3, 10:00 AM**  
**Lector: Steph Harvey**

**Servers: Lacey and Levi Harvey**

**Ushers & Greeters: Roger and LaVada Reckmann, Brain Schreiber, Robert Schuster**

PARISH SUPPORT - FEBRARY 18, 2023

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	7,407.00
OFFERTORY	471.00
VIGIL CANDLES	52.00
CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE (Ash Wednesday)	1,182.00
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,929.00
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. MAINTENANCE (11 Families)	\$644.00

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

LAKE CITY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now entering into the Second Sunday of Lent. Here is a homily from St. Leo the Great which will be a great reflection for Lent.

SECOND READING

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope (Sermo 51, 3-4. 8: PL 54, 310-311. 313)

The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us. In another place he says: You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified. What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?


The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Sincerely, Fr. The


2ND SUNDAY OF LENT




**DIAPER DRIVE COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Please respond to the Diaper Drive Collection for Catholic Charities going on in our Parish now. Sponsored by our CCW. The Diaper Drive will provide access to diapers and wipes for low income families from our SE Minnesota families. 1 in 3 moms struggle with diaper needs as 8-10 diapers are needed daily, resulting in \$100 needed for diapers monthly. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs meaning an extra financial burden on those who want to keep their babies clean and dry.

You may drop off diapers, wipes or a monetary donation in the baskets in the gathering space and back of Church. You will help struggling families and the donations stay local. The diaper Collection will continue until March 3rd. Thank You!



Enjoy gathering together today for Donut Sunday after the 10AM Mass. It will be hosted by the Faith Formation 7th Grade Class of Lisa and Noah Wallerich. The 7th Grade Class will be assisting at Mass.



**Ushers are in great need!! Please consider joining this ministry. Sign up as a couple, a family or a single. Call the office with your name and phone number.**

**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 can be bought after Mass or in the office.

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

FEBRUARY 25, 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. Camp Summit is in need of a female chaperone. If interested let the office know.**

**Totus Tuus** will once again be here this summer! June 16-21st!



**FAITH FORMATION**

Volunteers from Faith Formation Families assisted in preparing and serving the monthly Faith Formation Dinner on Wednesday, February 20th. Thank you to Tracy, Perla, China, Angela and Emmee who provided the kitchen and dining room help. The next Faith Formation Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 13th, hosted by the St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST....**

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, S7unday, March 3rd, from 9 - 11 or until gone. Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage & beverages. Free will offering with proceeds going to St. Patrick’s Cemetery Fund.



**SHARING THE LOVE**

Led by Emmee Grism-Lopez, from Family Ministry, Shelby, Axel, Gunner, Garrison, Rex, Louise, Millie, Xavi, Charlotte, Aliza, Kailyn, Lucy, Aliya, Ayla, Giovanni, Leina, Cheyenne, and Finn gathered after school on Wednesday, February 7 to make Valentines for fun, for their families, and to share. Their valentines were shared at The Bluffs, Lake City Nursing Home and Assisi Heights, Rochester. A soup supper followed the fun time. Thank you to Lisa, Emmee, Meg, Jim and Dorothy and Amelia for helping with the Valentines and meal with the youth of our parish.

**DID YOU KNOW.....**If you are over 70 1/2 years old, using a strategy called a “**Qualified Charitable Distribution**”, you can make your St. Mary of the Lake contribution directly from your IRA without being taxed on the distribution and without needing to itemize on your tax return. If you are age 72 or older, these distributions also count towards your IRA’s annual Required Minimum Distributions. To learn more or to implement this tax-saving strategy, contact your tax preparer and your IRA custodian.