






	<p>St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish West Albany 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 Feb 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>Father Thê Hoàng Office: (651) 345-4134 Rectory: (651) 448-8541 Email: frthehoang@gmail.com</p>	<p>Deacon David Dose Cell: (507) 273-1983</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 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>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>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>Pancake Breakfast St. Patrick's will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd from 9-11 (or until gone). Proceeds will go to St. Patrick's cemetery fund. Please join us for good food and fellowship.</p>	<p>R.C.I.A. 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>Prayer Chain To add a request to the prayer chain please contact Kim Stelling at stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu</p> <p>Hall Rent 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>Sunshine Blessings 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>There will be a Lenten Penance Service held at St Mary's in Lake City on Sunday February 25th at 3:30 pm. Come experience the mercy of God and His healing love!</p> 	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please pray for Marissa Holst who is suffering from continuous Meniere's episodes.• Please pray for a 20-year-old man diagnosed with osteosarcoma with evidence of disease spread. Please also keep his loved ones in your prayers.• Please pray for healing for Jonatha Harvey, battling influenza A, pneumonia & a bacterial infection• Please pray for all those struggling with health concerns, both mental & physical, especially Tim Boardman• Please pray for families, that those in crisis may find their way through and develop health relationship with each other that are mutually respectful and loving.	
 <p>Parish Support February 14 & 18, 2024 Adult \$ 1101 2/14 Plate \$ 244.42 2/18 Plate \$224.40 Aid to E/C Europe \$25 Steeple Fund \$275.00 <i>Thank you for your generous support!</i></p>	<p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>6 pm at St Patrick's followed by soup supper in the hall Starting Wednesday March 6 All are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p> 	
<p>Prayer for Repentance: Dear Lord, during this Lenten season, help me to recognize my sins and turn my heart toward you in genuine repentance. Grant me the strength to make amends and grow in your grace. Amen.</p>		

DATES FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

We will be meeting for faith-sharing groups on Sundays and Tuesdays.

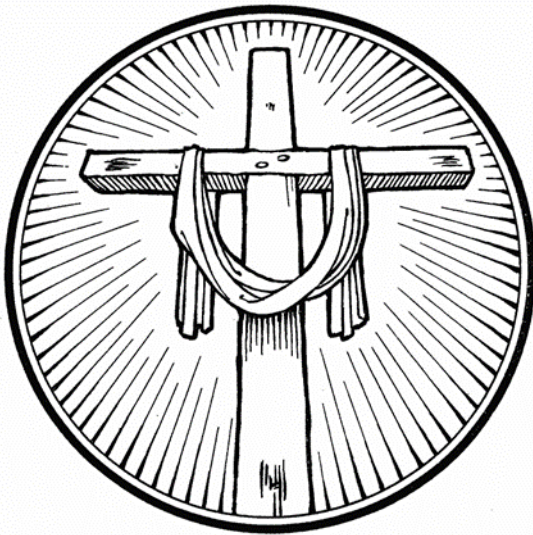
The first Sunday group will be meeting on Feb. 25, after Mass in the Hall, 9 - 10:15 am. The Tuesday group will meet in the Hall starting Feb. 27, after Adoration, 6:15 - 7:30pm. Pick the day that works best for you, and if you already have the small booklet, "MY SACRIFICE AND YOURS," remember to bring it with you.

Please consider joining us to learn about Our Lord, and His real presence in the Holy Eucharist/Mass. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

Contact person: Dianne Johnson 507-798-2493

Donations Needed -

Catholic Charities of SE MN. is in need of diapers and wipes for needy families in SE MN, CCW will be hosting a Diaper Drive for the rest of February with delivery the first week of March. They are needing diapers size 4-6 and wipes. A collection box will be in the back of church. Please help in any way you can. Any questions, please contact Meg Sprick.



Mass Schedule:

Sunday February 25 8:00 a.m. – Gene & Sharon Krismer +

Sunday March 3 8:00 a.m. – Ed Riley +

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:

Feb 25 – Greeter/Sacristan: Darlene Sommerfeld **Lector:** Kathleen Evers

Server: Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Linkkon Riley & Jerry Ott

Gift Bearers: Marv & Linda Hofschulte

March 3 – Greeter/Sacristan: Bill & Carmen Diedrich **Lector:** AnnMarie

Dose Server: Helen Sexton **Ushers:** Dwaine Sexton & Ken Moyer

Gift Bearers: Matt & Emily Dohrn Family

March 10 – Greeter/Sacristan: Meg Sprick **Lector:** Dianne Johnson

Server: Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Bill & Carmen Diedrich

Gift Bearers: Merrilea Smith & Louann Fieck

March 17 – Greeter/Sacristan: Jerry & Margie Ott **Lector:** Louann Fieck

Server: Millie Dohrn **Ushers:** Tom & Cooper Meyer

Gift Bearers: Liz Riley Family

March 24 – Greeter/Sacristan: Louann Fieck **Lector:** Dawn Sexton

Server: Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Leon Sexton & Jim Evers

Gift Bearers: Dianne Johnson family

Pastor's Corner

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,
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