

Monday, December 15
7am-8pm ADORATION

Tuesday, December 16
9:00am - MASS - Tom Arendt +

Wednesday, December 17
9:00am - MASS - Shane Frank

Thursday, December 18
9:00am - MASS - Mary Kriese +

Friday, December 19
9:00am - MASS - Josh Moechnig +
10:00am - COMMUNION SERVICE @ Care Center

Saturday, December 20
5:00pm - MASS - Carole Berg +

Sunday, December 21
8:00am @ St. Patrick's
10:00am @ St. Mary's
Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Pat's

December 20, 5:00 PM
Lector: Shawn Sweeney
Eucharistic Ministers: Robbie Benedict, Mary Coyle
Servers: Louise & Millie Freid
Ushers & Greeters: Joe & Juli Schmidt, Ed & Pam Bauman

December 21, 10:00 AM
Lector: Barb Kobs
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Harvey, Beth Wolf
Servers: Rex Herbers & Linus Cuchetti
Ushers & Greeters: Jeremy, Jason, & Nathan Wolf, Ann Braun

Adoration at St. Patrick's, West Albany,
every Tuesday from 5PM - 6PM

PARISH SUPPORT - DECEMBER 7, 2025

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$3,999.00
OFFERTORY	613.15
VIGIL CANDLES	57.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	0.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	810.00
MATRIX/FAITH FORMATION	500.00
MASS STIPENDS	90.00
LITURGY OF THE HOURS	30.00
NOVEMBER ONLINE GIVING	\$2,268.00
CHURCH SUPPORT	
NOVEMBER ONLINE GIVING	\$500.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now in Gaudete Sunday which means Rejoice Sunday! WE are getting closer to celebrate the birth of Christ so we mark this significant weekend by using the rose color. Thus, the vestments for the priests and candles reflect this.

I pray that your Advent is going well and please know that we still have more books from Fr. Mike Schmitz called the Waiting Well. They are located on table in the gathering area as well as in front of our offices.

This is a joyous season of waiting and patiently preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ. Please continue to pray about giving a meaningful gift to Jesus for Christmas from yourselves or it could even be from the entire family. Remember that Christ is coming and He has be so good to us. Let us return this love with great generosity.

Sincerely,
Fr. The Hoang

The office will be **CLOSED** December 24th-26th & January 1st-2nd

We are looking for volunteers!

Christmas Eve Mass: Servers (2)
Christmas Day Mass: Eucharistic Ministers (2), Servers (2) & Ushers (4)

If you are interested in volunteering, please email stmaryslakecity@gmail.com to let the office know!

Mass Schedule Change

There will be **NO** Mass December 30th-31st or January 2nd. All Mass intentions have been rescheduled.

There **WILL** be Mass on January 1st at 10am

Come and enjoy the musical stylings of the Faith Formation students at their Music Concert on Sunday, December 21st at 4pm.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Mass:
4pm at St. Mary's
6:30pm at St. Patrick's

Christmas Day Mass: 10am at St. Mary's

KC BINGO at the Lake City Care Center: Mon., Dec. 1st, and Mon. Dec. 15th at 7:00 pm.
Committee: Jeremy Wolf, Gary Urban, Wayne Dudley, & Justin Clausen

Remember in your prayers the family of Al Rolbiecki. His funeral was held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. May he enjoy eternal life with God in heaven.

Waiting Well: ADVENT with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Grow with us this Advent!

Advent isn't just a countdown to Christmas—it's a season of patient waiting for Christ himself. To help us enter this holy time, our parish is offering the *Waiting Well* Advent journal from Ascension with Fr. Mike Schmitz. It includes daily reflections, prayers, journaling space, weekly activities, artwork, and helpful resources for individuals and families.

Free for all parishioners:
Journals are available by the office.

For those who subscribe to the premium Ascension App (even for one month), you'll also receive daily companion videos from Fr. Mike to enrich each reflection.

Ascensionpress.com/waitingwell.com for more details

Saint John of the Cross

John lived his vocation in deep faithfulness to the Cross of Christ. Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567, he joined St. Teresa of Avila in reforming the Order, enduring opposition, imprisonment, and suffering for the sake of renewal.

In this darkness he wrote some of the Church's most beautiful mystical poetry, expressing profound union with God, especially in *The Spiritual Canticle* and *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*. His writings teach that through the Cross comes new life—darkness to light, suffering to joy, and abandonment to union with God.

Saint John reminds us that discipleship requires sacrifice. He invites us to embrace the Cross in order to truly live. He died in 1591 at the age of 49.

Heavenly Father,
As we enter this third week of Advent, fill our hearts with the joy and hope that come from Your presence. Help us prepare a place for Your Son in our lives, and strengthen us to share Your love with those in need. May Christ's light guide us closer to You as Christmas draws near. **We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Save the date:

ALL are welcome! Join us Wednesday nights to hear inspiring conversation on vocations and how we listen for God's voice, discernment through prayer and respond with courage.

Upcoming Vocation Series Talks- Save the date!:

Jan 14: Deacon (Holy Orders)
Feb 11: Holy Matrimony

Time: 6:30-7:30pm (will be joining the 6th-8th graders as well)
Come curious. Leave inspired.

Answer ?

Did you know? ... Can anyone point out what the following names have in common? Riley, Kennedy, Bowman, Rahilly, Killeen, Frost, Moran, Funk, O'Brien, Wise

Answer: They are names all found on the stained glass windows at St. Mary's

And the kicker Where might I find this dedication in our church.... "*Gift of the School Children*"

Answer: This stained glass window can be found in the balcony

Thank you!

A BIG CHRISTMAS MARKET THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who volunteered to make our 2025 Christmas Market so successful. It was a day with parishioners and our guests enjoying a fun and joyful time to start the Christmas Season. This could be the Market remembered for baking and selling over 3000 cookies!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

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On Saturday, January 10, 2026, we will host Cathy Hill from the St. Paul League of St. Martin. She will give a talk on the growing importance of the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00am, followed by Cathy's talk at 10:00am in the dining hall. More details to follow as the date approaches. If you would like to know more about the League of St. Martin, you can go to their website @ martinians.org

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