

	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish West Albany 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041 August 31st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>			
<p>Father Thê Hoang 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 Website: 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>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>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>				
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<p style="text-align: center;">St Patrick's Collection August 24, 2025 Adult \$ 760 Plate \$ 208 Mass Stipends \$ 20 Catholic/Black/Native American Missions \$ 50</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Requests</p> <p>If there is anyone you would like us to pray for and put in the bulletin, please contact Becky Lukes via email westalbanybulletin@gmail.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray for all those affected by the tragedy in Minneapolis on Wednesday. May God's face shine upon all those injured as well as their families. • Please pray for young people who question their identities – may they realize that were perfectly and beautifully made by God. 			
<p>St Patrick's is looking to add to our field of Mass servers. The only requirement is completion of 2nd grade. This is a great way to be involved in the entire Mass. Please pray on this and reach out to Father The, Deacon David or Brianna Evers with questions or to sign up!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quilt Group</p> <p>The St. Patrick and Grace UCC quilt group recently sent 28 single bed quilts to the new Veteran's Home in Preston. We also kept a dozen quilts to have on hand to give to anyone in need. Whether a disaster, an illness or hospitalization, loss of a loved one, or any situation where a quilt would be enjoyed or would bring comfort. Please contact Diane Franke (651-345-5127) or Margaret Loos (507-798-2427). We will begin quilting again in the fall and would love having more help. We meet Friday nights at 6:30 at St. Patrick's. No special skills needed! Come check us out. Call Diane or Margaret with questions.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Rummage Sale Thank You!</p> <p>A sincere thank you goes out to all who helped with the CCW Rummage Sale held over the past two weeks. Your contributions were greatly appreciated whether you helped organize, donated items, helped with set up, prepared food, help with publicity, worked during the event, helped with clean up or with rehoming items.</p> <p>The event was very successful in raising funds and drawing together community.</p>				

Faith Formation Corner

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as teachers for our Faith Formation program. The grades in need of teachers are 3-4th grade and 5th – 6th grade. We are also in need of substitute teachers to assist with teaching.

We really won't be able to begin the program until all teaching roles are filled. We kindly ask that you prayerfully consider this opportunity to support the spiritual growth of our parish youth.

Resources, mentoring and support will be provided for all teachers. If you are considering the role but feel more comfortable team teaching, we are more than happy to accommodate that as well.

'New' this fall.... In the hall.

Beverages and treats for parents of faith formation students while they are in class. Come check it out and save some gas!

Faith formation sign up will be August 31 after Mass in the hall. A light snack will be provided.

Mass for Peace September 2 – 5:30 pm Pax Christi Church, Rochester

As conflicts and unrest continue globally and locally, Bishop Barron will be celebrating a Mass for Peace on Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm at Pax Christi in Rochester. All are invited to this Mass to pray for peace in our world, nation, and communities.

Upcoming Opportunities in the Diocese

Marriage Anniversary Mass September 6
Grief Support Group September 18
Grief Support Group October 16
Beloved – Women's Conference November 1
Grief Support Group November 20
Grief Support Group December 18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

August is almost over and we are going to head into September quite soon. We are still looking for help with the Fall Festival on September 7, 2025. I know that you and your families are quite busy, but we would appreciate any help that you can give to us on that Sunday.

This Sunday's gospel is truly challenging in its nature. Jesus is encouraging all of us to not seek the limelight and make it our top priority in life. When we get obsessed with being number one, we can be humbled by others and it can be trying for us to experience. If we are humble with Christ, we would be able to celebrate with joy at the success of others. This is often not the popular route to go because it is so countercultural to what's being taught in society.

Christ helps us to love truly and simply. It roots out all fear, jealousy and envy. The love of Christ helps us to love others as God loves us. He loves us with this purifying love that we want to be like Him and in all things. It heals us to our core while being able to challenge us for greater holiness.

Sincerely,
Fr. The

ST MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL IS BACK! LET'S ENJOY IT TOGETHER!

The Fall Festival is coming Sunday, September 7th, 11AM to 2PM at St. Mary's of the Lake! Always popular the Grilled Chicken Dinner, Bucket and Silent Auctions, the Bake Shop, Fresh Garden Produce, Games and Activities for the Kids, and Raffle .. Look for details in future bulletins. Let's make this a Spectacular Day for our Parish and Community!

Our Church community is united in prayer and concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent people caught in the violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." To support this critical need, we will hold a second collection the weekend of September 13-14. Your contributions will go to two organizations with a proven track record of providing swift and effective relief: the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both CNEWA and CRS are on the ground, delivering essential aid such as food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

A second collection will be taken the weekend of September 13-14 to support CNEWA and CRS in their relief efforts. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at www.cnewa.org and www.crs.org.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday August 31 – 8:00 a.m. – Sylvester & Cecilia Wingert +

Sunday September 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Joy Stock +

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PATRIOTIC ROSARY (1st and 3rd Tuesday), CHAPLET: Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church

Ministry Schedule:

August 31 – Greeter/Sacristan: Darlene Sommerfield **Lector:** Carmen Diedrich **Server:** Cooper Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne Johnson & Bridget Siewert **Ushers:** Dwaine Sexton & Ken Moyer **Gift Bearers:** Liz Riley Family

September 7 – Greeter/Sacristan: Bill & Carmen Diedrich **Lector:** Jane Timm **Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie & Dennis Makoutz

Server: Henry Sexton **Ushers:** Tom & Cooper Meyer **Gift Bearers:** Dianne Johnson Family

September 14 – Greeter/Sacristan: Ken & Vicky Moyer **Lector:** Dianne Johnson **Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosy Krier & Meg Sprick

Server: Bill Sexton **Ushers:** Leon Sexton & Jim Evers **Gift Bearers:** Judy & Paul Kottschade

September 21 – Greeter/Sacristan: Meg Sprick **Lector:** Macie Shones **Eucharistic Ministers:** Gary & Jane Timm

Server: Cooper Meyer **Ushers:** Leonard VanHouten & Jerry Ott **Gift Bearers:** Hannah & Noah Erickson Family