

Monday, February 23
7am-8pm ADORATION
Tuesday, February 24
9:00am - MASS: Nick Arendt +
Wednesday, February 25
9:00am- MASS: Al Rolbiecki +
Thursday, February 26
9:00am - MASS: Katherine Wittek
Friday, February 27
9:00am - MASS: Mary Frank
10:00am - MASS @ CARE CENTER: Herbert, Vernis, Gary, Randy & Barbara Getschmann+
Saturday, February 28
5:00pm - MASS: Nick Arendt +
Sunday, March 1
8:00am @ St. Patrick's
10:00am @ St. Mary's
Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Pat's

February 28, 5:00 PM
Lector: Dolores Berg
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Dunbar, Volunteer
Servers: Thomas Halder, Xavier Ruiz-Nunez
Ushers & Greeters: Ed & Pam Bauman, Augie Schleicher, Joe Schmidt
March 1, 10:00 AM
Lector: Barb Kobs
Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly Haeska, Linda Marx
Servers: Ryder Mueske, Rex Herbers
Ushers & Greeters: Roger & LaVada Reckmann, John Haeska, Ann Braun

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

PARISH SUPPORT - FEBRUARY 15, 2026	
ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,347.00
OFFERTORY	464.16
VIGIL CANDLES	9.00
GOOD SAMARITAN FUND	200.00
EASTERN EUROPE	739.50
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,004.00
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$989.00
JANUARY ONLINE GIVING	\$2,081.00

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,


We are now in the First Sunday of Lent! This means that we are now in a new season of longing for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are journeying with Christ as He makes his way to Jerusalem to prepare for His Passion. This is why we don't sing the Alleluia or even say it during this time. We also fast from meat in our meals on Fridays of Lent. This helps us to mastery our bodies and needs for the glory of God.


My encouragement for you all during this time is from my homily from Ash Wednesday. The Church encourages us to pray, fast, and give alms. How will you love God more than your time so that you can pray better? How will you love God more than your body and cravings so that you can fast from meat on Fridays? How will you love God more than the material wealth by sharing your wealth with others through alms giving?


Sincerely,
Fr. The Hoang


February 2026 Events
February 21: 5pm Mass
Wine & Cheese after Mass
February 22: 8am Mass @ St. Patrick's
10am Mass
Donut Sunday
February 23: 7am-8pm Adoration
February 24: 9am Mass
9:45am SAIL
Holy Face Devotion
February 25: 9am Mass
9:30am Coffee after Mass
6:30pm Faith Formation
February 26: 9am Mass
9:45am SAIL
9:45am Lenten Book Study
7pm Lenten Book Study
February 27: 9am Mass
10am Mass @ Care Center
February 28: 5pm Mass
6:30pm Theology on Tap (21+ event)


March 2026 Events
March 1: 8am Mass @ St. Patrick's
10am Mass @ St. Mary's
March 2: 7am-8pm Adoration
7pm BINGO @ the Care Center
March 3: 9am Mass
9:45am SAIL
March 4: 9am Mass
5:30pm Family Dinner Night
6:30pm Faith Formation


 **KC BINGO at the Lake City Care Center: Mon., March 2nd and Mon. March 16th at 7:00 pm.**
Committee: Doug Thompson, Justin Clausen, Gene Durand, Wayne Dudley

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING on Tuesday, March 10th** starting with the Rosary at 6:20pm in Church. Meeting and supper to follow.
Committee: Gene Durand & Doug Thompson

 The next monthly CCW meeting will be on **Monday, March 9th**, in the dining hall at 6:30pm. Join in with the women of your parish!


 **Mission Sewing: March 10th at 9:30am**
Come & help with sewing or tying quilts. Lunch is served at noon followed by our meeting.

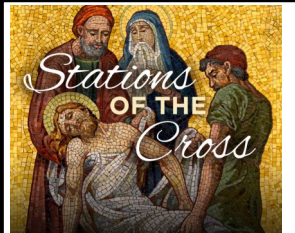
 **ST. MARY'S OF THE LAKE**
Brewing Faith & Friendship After Mass Wednesday, **February 25th**. Join us for Coffee, Faith & Friendship. Reconnect with old friends or make new ones!


 **Theology on Tap**
Introducing Theology on Tap, a time where you can enjoy some beverages while getting to know Father The Hoang, but also future speakers on diverse topics of the faith!
Please call the office to RSVP at 651-345-4134 to help us with the count.

Feb 28, 2026 after the 5pm Mass so 6:30pm. BYOB
Bring snacks to share
Pizza will be provided

This is a 21+ event. No children please.

 **Dear Father in heaven**, we come to you. With thanks we come to you, for again and again you have helped us. Again and again you have let your light shine out on us so that we could be glad and know that our lives are in your hands. Protect us on this earth, where it is so necessary. Protect us, that the light of true life may shine more and more brightly and we may praise your name with our whole heart. Be with us this night, O God, and touch our hearts with your Spirit. Amen.

 **Stations of the Cross During Lent**
All are invited to join us every Friday during Lent at **5:30 PM** for the Stations of the Cross. This beautiful Lenten devotion allows us to prayerfully walk with Jesus on His journey to Calvary, reflecting on His love and sacrifice while preparing our hearts for Easter. Confessions will be available immediately following the Stations each week, offering an opportunity for spiritual renewal during this sacred season.

 **Fun Facts About Lent**
Why 40 days?
Lent lasts 40 days because Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting before beginning His public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11).

It's actually longer than 40 days!
From Ash Wednesday to Easter is more than 40 calendar days — Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 days of fasting because every Sunday celebrates the Resurrection.

Pretzels have a Catholic connection!
Legend says pretzels were created by monks as a simple Lenten food. Their shape looks like arms crossed in prayer!

Why fish on Fridays?
Catholics traditionally abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of sacrifice and remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday.

Why purple?
Purple (violet) is the liturgical color of Lent, symbolizing repentance, preparation, and royalty — reminding us that Jesus is King.

Ash Wednesday ashes come from palms!
The ashes used on Ash Wednesday often come from burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

It's not just about giving things up!
Lent also encourages adding good habits — like pray-