

Monday, November 14
 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ADORATION
 9:00 AM In Reparation of our Sins

Tuesday, December 15
 9:00 AM Roger Daanen +

Wednesday, December 16
 9:00 AM Jim Abbott +

Thursday, December 17
 9:00 AM Bishop John Quinn - 75th Birthday

Friday, December 18
 9:00 AM Eugene Sylvester & Family - Living & Deceased Members

Saturday, December 19
 5:00 PM Bill & Mary Fuchs +

Sunday, December 20
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

December 19 & 20
 5:00 PM Ann Schreck
 10:00 AM Jolene Harvey

December 24 & 25
 4:00 PM Dolores Berg - Christmas Eve
 6:00 PM St. Patrick's, West Albany
 8:00 PM Jodi Hogan - Christmas Eve
 9:00 AM Missy Kluesner - Christmas Day

December 26 & 27
 5:00 PM Volunteer
 10:00 AM Volunteer



PARISH SUPPORT December 6, 2020

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$6,090.00
OFFERTORY	116.00
CANDLES	41.00
RETIREMENT FUND	20.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	375.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$10.00
NOVEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,764.00
NOVEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. FUND (11 Families)	\$614.00

IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." 1 Thes 5:16-24

Today we celebrate Gaudete "Rejoice" Sunday on this third Sunday of Advent. We rejoice in the coming birth of the Savior. It is critical to rejoice and take joy in all the blessings from God. How do we rejoice? We rejoice by recognizing how wonderful God is and thanking him for his many blessings. One of the quickest ways to find joy is to count our blessings and thank the Lord for them. As St. Paul says in the reading above, "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." God wants us to thank him every day because he wants us to be happy and realize how truly blessed we are.

Is it possible to rejoice and give thanks in the midst of Covid? Absolutely. If we pray and reflect we will realize that God is good, we are good and life is good even in the midst of our sufferings. We need to give thanks to God for his blessings now more than ever to put things into perspective and realize the truth. The devil wants us to become discouraged and despair. God wants us to look to him and trust him. So let us thank God today and rejoice in the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patrick Wise, husband of Sandy Wise and father of Lynn, Christopher & Anthony. Pat's funeral was Friday.

Lucy Sexton, mother of Jean, Donald, Linda, Dwaine, Mary, Denise & Donna. Lucy's funeral was at St. Patrick's on Saturday.

Let us pray for Pat & Lucy that the Lord will welcome them into the joy of His Kingdom.



General Safety Reminders:
 When coming forward for Holy Communion, please keep a 6 foot distance between each person & parishioners are asked to receive in the hand. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, they should be near the end of the communion line.

People are asked to not shake hands or greet each other by touching.

The Diocesan Safety Regulations advise that those who are 65 or older or have health issues to stay home but each person should make their own decision.

Please wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer and sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Due to Governor's face mask law, Minnesotan's must wear a face mask in indoor public settings unless you have an exemption or are under 5 years old. Some of our staff have a health exemption. Thank you.

A PRAYER TO PREPARE MY HEART FOR CHRIST'S COMING....

Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE.....

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM
 8:00 PM**

ST. PATRICK'S 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00 AM



FAITH FORMATION

December 16th 1 - 4th grades
 December 23rd NO CLASSES
 December 30th NO CLASSES



Sani-Wipe Team: we will be making Sani-Wipes every Wednesday after the 9 AM Mass. We will make less at a time so they don't dry out.



We welcome to St. Mary's Thea Marie Holden, daughter of Robyn & Adam Holden.
 Through Baptism you have become a member of God's family.



FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS can be viewed livestream or the recorded version on Father Fasnacht's Youtube Channel. At this time we are unable to stream on Facebook but go to Parish Website to watch.