



St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish
West Albany
 419 W Lyon Ave
 Lake City, MN 55041
January 17 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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| Father Matthew Fasnacht Office: (651) 345-4134 Rectory: (651) 448 8541 Email: frfasnacht@acegroup.cc | Deacon David Dose Home: (651) 345-2439 | 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 |
| Kendra Walker: Director of Faith Formation Hall/Office: (507) 753-2424 Cell: (651) 448-0177 Email: kendrawalker.faithformation@gmail.com | 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> | |
| Bulletin Items Contact: Becky Lukes 30436 Hwy 60, Millville MN 55957 Cell: 507-990-6657 – please leave a message Email: westalbanybulletin@gmail.com | | |

1. Please send any bulletin items to westalbanybulletin@gmail.com by **10 am Thursday**.
2. All Document bulletin items need to be in Word format so it can be copy/cut and paste into the bulletin. No photo copies of items, please. Typed content in the body of an email is OK, just so it can be copied/pasted into the bulletin.

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.

Baptism Preparation

Parents requesting the sacrament of Baptism should call the St. Mary Parish office -651-345-4134

Marriage Preparation

Couples should contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to discuss the marriage preparation program.

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 Dennis Makoutz at church or contact him at 507-798-2518 or email address makoutz.dennis@gmail.com

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.

Prayer Chain

To add a request to the prayer chain please contact Kim Stelling at stelling.kimberly@mayo.edu

Hall Rent

Hall rental not available at this time due to pandemic protocol.

Sharing Sunshine

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.
No more cards needed at this time.

FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON HIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL.



Covid 19 corner - Reminders

Remember the 3 W's:

1. *Wear a mask*
2. Watch distancing - at least 6 feet. Hint: if you stretch out your arm and the other person does too and your fingers touch, you are too close.
3. Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Hint: reverently whispering the Our Father takes about 20 seconds. Above all - be safe, be well.

Consecration to St. Joseph Lenten journey for Men

Do you desire to become a better man, husband, father, grandfather and friend? Join us as we look at the characteristics and life of St. Joseph and how we can learn from his witness. This will be a 33 day walk with scripture, reflection (15 minutes a day) and group interaction via zoom once a week. This program will conclude with a consecration to St. Joseph.

All are welcome, please contact Deacon John Hust via phone, text or email. Once you are registered you will receive additional information.

Blessings ~
 Deacon John 651-564-0551 deaconjohn@felixagnes.org

St Patrick's Financial Updates

Collections 1/9/21
 Plate \$ 35.00
 Envelope \$ 550.00
 Covid \$3000.00



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 her an email.

- Please continue to pray for Kristina as she's not only dealing with her Leukemia, but now her mother has been diagnosed with ovarian and lung cancer
- Please pray for Joy (Hofschulte)Stock, daughter of Kathleen and brother of Jeff, as she is battling cancer.
- Please pray for parents – son not treating them right

Please note

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have put our missalette/Music Issue order on pause, starting with Advent. If you would like to bring your own copies of the Sunday readings with you that would be fine. There may be a few copies of "The Word Among Us" booklets in church, but you can also check resources online, such as USCCB. Thanks.

Pastor's Corner

“Jesus said to his disciples, when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Mt 6:5-8

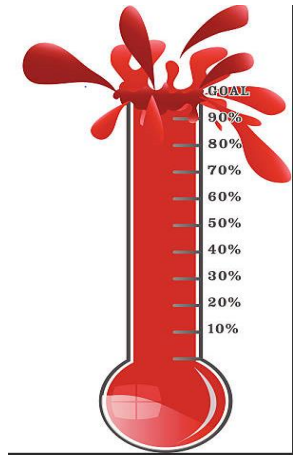
Sometimes people have a difficult time fitting periods of prayer into their busy day. With family, work and a full life, sometimes people do not see how they can make time to pray every day. The relationships that we prioritize in our lives demand time. More time spent with the person is required the more significant and intimate the relationship. Therefore a decision about our relationship with God must be made. Do I really want to have a good relationship with God? If the answer is yes, then I must invest some substantial time to be with him each day in prayer. My advice is to start small (3 minutes a day) and then build it up.

Another thing that keeps people from investing their time in prayer is a false view or image of God. Sometimes people have a negative view of God. They sometimes see him as a police man or angry judge who is just waiting to catch them sinning so he can punish. The truth is that God actually wants the opposite of that. He is trying to save us from punishment for our sins. He wants nothing more than to forgive us and walk next to us as our closest friend. All we have to do is go to him and repent in prayer and confession. If we bring all our wounds, fears and baggage to God he will heal us, guide us and teach us the best way to a close friendship with him.
God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

Covid Fundraising Goal Achieved!

Goal set \$12,000
Total amount received \$12,698!!!

Thank you to all who have given so generously to achieve this goal during the COVID pandemic. Your sacrifice to help recover the budget shortfall is a blessing to the St. Patrick's parish and is very much appreciated.



Vaccine Update from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

As the vaccine against COVID-19 is produced and distributed, I share with you a joint statement from the USCCB Committees on Pro-Life Activities and Doctrine. Please review this statement, which provides direct advice on the current vaccines, as well as background to support that advice. I offer a few highlights here:

- Generally speaking, receiving a vaccine is morally acceptable and can be “an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”
- Of the three available vaccines, Moderna and Pfizer have produced vaccines that were produced in an acceptable manner to Catholics. The vaccine from AstraZeneca was not, and should be avoided when other vaccines are available.
- Catholics continue support for a vaccine that has absolutely no connection to aborted fetal cell lines. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines do have a connection to cell lines from an aborted fetus, but those connections come through confirmatory tests, not the production of the vaccine. This connection “is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion,” and in the absence of other vaccines with no connection, and in the face of a dangerous pandemic, these vaccines are morally acceptable for Catholics.

Very Rev. William D. Thompson | Vicar General

St. Patrick's Covid-19 Procedures

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed until further notice. The Diocesan Safety Regulations advise that those who are 65 or older or have health issues stay home but each person should make their own decision.
- **Face Mask Law:** *to comply with Minnesota's face mask law, everyone must wear a face mask in indoor public settings unless you have a medical exemption or are under 5 years old.*
- When you enter church, please use hand sanitizer.
- Please place your church support in the box at the church entrance.
- Please pick up a bag with a sanitizing wipe – wipe down your seat and any surfaces you have come in contact with... after Mass.
- Please do not remove ropes on the pews designed to maintain physical distancing.
- Please keep a 6-foot distance between yourself and others not from your household; especially during Communion and after Mass.
- If needed, extra chairs can be set up in the back of church.
- If you need to cough or sneeze, please cough or sneeze into your elbow/arm – then sanitize your hands.
- Process to Communion using side aisles, one side at a time, again maintaining good physical distancing.
- Please do not shake hands or greet one another by touching.
- Be safe, be well.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday January 17 8:00 a.m. – Jim & Fritz Poncelet

Sunday January 24 8:00 a.m. – Harold Roberts

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.

Lector

January 17 – Jane Timm

January 24 – Ann Marie Dose

January 31 – Connie Dailey

February 7 – Louann Fieck