

**Monday, February 15**  
 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ADORATION  
 9:00 AM - NO MASS

**Tuesday, February 16**  
 9:00 AM Petrona Aniceto Castillo & Deceased  
 Members of Family +

**Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 6:00 PM Dutch & Terry Thompson +  
 7:30 PM St. Patrick's Church

**Thursday, February 18**  
 9:00 AM Darrell & Rodney Peterson +

**Friday, February 19**  
 9:00 AM Margaret & Joe Fox +  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

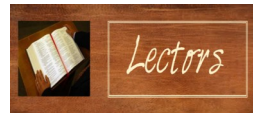
**Saturday, February 20**  
 5:00 PM Dustin Olson +

**Sunday, February 21**  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

**February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 6:00 PM - Dolores Berg - ST. MARY'S  
 7:30 PM - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

**February 20 & 21**  
 5:00 PM Ed Bauman  
 10:00 AM Jodi Hogan

**February 27 & 28**  
 5:00 PM Lynn Cunningham  
 10:00 PM Jolene Harvey



**March 6 & 7**  
 5:00 PM Barb Kobs  
 10:00 AM Dorothy Arendt

**PARISH SUPPORT FEBRUARY 6 & 7**

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,920.00
VIGIL CANDLES	44.26
OFFERTORY	199.50
MASS STIPENDS	23.00
LATIN AMERICA	40.00
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families) \$3,524.00**

**FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. FUND (11 Families) \$614.00**

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



**ADORATION.....**

In need of someone to fill in for Adoration on March 8th from 6 - 7PM & March 15th from 6 - 7PM, 7 - 8PM & at 8PM would need to close Adoration for the night.

**FATHER'S MESSAGE**

The testimonial below is from a book entitled "The Warning." This passage is from a private revelation to a mystic, Alan Ames, in which St. Teresa of Avila appeared to him and spoke to him about prayer. I am sharing this with you all because it helped me in my prayer life.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

*"I asked Saint Teresa. "When I see other people praying, they often have long faces and look miserable, as if they were forced to pray. Yet this is really joyful, wonderful stuff. Don't other people experience what I'm experiencing in prayer?"*

*"Well, often they don't," she answered, "because so often when they pray, they're thinking about themselves. They're focusing on their lives, their problems, their concerns. When you focus on self, God gets pushed aside. When God comes second, and self is first, your heart actually starts to close to God and stops his grace from filling you.*

*"However, when you focus on God in your prayers and look past yourself, past the world, that is when your soul opens. God pours his grace in abundance deep inside you." She said to tell people that when they begin to pray, the first thing they should do is turn to the Holy Spirit and say:*

*"Lord, I can't pray properly. I'm weak. I'm human. I'm fragile. I'm easily distracted, taken in thoughts of myself and the world. But you, Lord, Lead me past that. Help me to pray properly. Help me to focus on the Father, the Son, and you the Holy Spirit, so that my soul can be opened, and I can receive the grace that is there for everyone in prayer."*

*She continued, "Once you do that, once you seek God's help in prayer and in all you do, you can start to experience what prayer is meant to be: a joyful gift of God's love. If prayer is a burden, a chore, a duty, this is often because prayer is self-centered and not God-centered. Remember, in all things God must come first. Look to God in everything, and then you will receive His joy in all you do."*



The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's. Confession will be available after the Stations.



**Lent fasting and abstinence:** Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for Catholics. That means that we are required to skip at least one full meal and we are not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday nor Fridays of Lent.



**The Lenten table is up in the gathering space.**

Little black books for Adults, Rice Bowls, Purple Books for children & other Lenten materials for you to take.

**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.



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. Thank you!



**Scam warning:** Please be aware that scam artists are texting and emailing people in our parishes using my name to ask for money.

Never give money to someone via email or text. I have spoken to multiple other Pastors and they say the same thing is happening to them. Thank you, Fr. Fasnacht



**Rectory update:** On January 28, I and a couple council members presented our plans for the new rectory to Bishop Quinn and the College of Consultors. They approved the blue print plans and thanked us for doing this good work. Our next step is to begin fundraising the difference needed for building the rectory. We will soon be coming out with fundraising materials and information. Fr. Fasnacht



Fr. Fasnacht will be leading a Bible study every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome!

**COURIER.....**to read the courier on-line:

<https://issuu.com/diocesefwinona/docs/february>

To receive the Courier at your home: [nreller@dow.org](mailto:nreller@dow.org)

**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.**



February 17 NO CLASSES - ASH WEDNESDAY

FAITH FORMATION February 24 Grades 5 - 8

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR THE 2020 students will be May 1st @ 5:00 PM Mass. Practice will be after Mass on April 25th.**

**CAMP SUMMIT....** There are plans being made by the Diocese to have Camp Summit this year, but as 1 day events, the week of August 2nd - 5th. The day event would still take place at Eagle Bluff but would run from 8AM - 5:30 PM. No overnight stays. Camp Summit is open to any middle schoolers going into 6th grade - going into 8th grade. Those going into 9th or higher do have the opportunity to also attend as part of the dream or flat team. Will make more info available as we receive it.

**Steubenville-Rochester** is being planned for this summer & is expected to take place July 23-25.

**The Diocese** is planning to bring a group to the BCYC (Benedictine College Youth Conference). It is held at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. The dates are from June 18 - 20th. The cost per person will be around the \$200 mark for travel, stay, food & the conference.

**RULES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.....**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting & abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Friday's during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



The next Blood Drive will take place at St. Mary's on Wednesday, February 24th from 11 - 5 PM.

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) & enter: lakecitymn to schedule an appointment.

**LENT**  
 Pray + Fast + Give