

Monday, March 1

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ADORATION
9:00 AM - Dorothy Mischke +

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 AM Special Intention

Thursday, March 4

9:00 AM Carrie Havlicek +

Friday, March 5

9:00 AM George & Julia Velasquez +
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

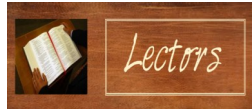
5:00 PM Roger Daanen +

Sunday, March 7

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

March 6 & 7

5:00 PM Barb Kobs
10:00 AM Dorothy Arendt

**March 13 & 14**

5:00 PM Ann Schreck
10:00 AM Bob Wenger

March 20 & 21

5:00 PM Julie Heise
10:00 AM Jodi Hogan

PARISH SUPPORT FEBRUARY 20 & 21

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$3,570.00
VIGIL CANDLES	21.00
OFFERTORY	236.00
EASTER FLOWERS	25.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	255.00
OFFERTORY	236.00

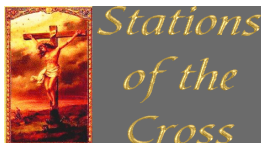
FEBRUARY DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR
CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families) \$3,524.00

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 15th from 7 - 8PM & at 8PM would need to close Adoration for the night.

**Stations of the Cross**

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.

FATHER'S MESSAGE

"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

In the bible, God is constantly telling us to pray. St. Paul says, "pray unceasingly." Why is it so important to pray every day? Because prayer is our relationship with God. Prayer is relating to God. Listening to and following the Lord.

In the gospel above Jesus tells us to go to our "inner room and close the door" when we pray. This means we are to have some intimate time alone with God. Sometimes people struggle to carve out time to pray every day because life gets busy. And yet we make time for a screen or a hobby. God loves us and wants to bless us and save us. We need time with him to receive the joyful gift of love that he will give us in prayer. Lent is a great time to recommit to daily intimate prayer with God.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

Anonymous Confession: I will now be sitting inside the confessional before the weekend masses so that people will be able to go to confession anonymously. - Fr. Fasnacht

**Bible Study**

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

**COR JESU - FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH**

The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, March 5th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, & music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesus on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer-opportunities & click on "Cor Jesu" in the dropdown list, or call Olivia Gadiant at 507-951-7063.

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.

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!

**SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER.....**

St. Patrick's Church, West Albany is having a shoe fundraiser from March 1st to April 30th. All sizes and styles of footwear accepted (infant to adult - -slippers to snow boots) There will be a box for the shoes in the gathering space.



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, 7:00 PM in the dining hall.



KC MEETING.... Until we resume having a meal at our meetings we are going to a later start time so men have time to eat at home. Starting on Tuesday, March 9th, we will say the Rosary at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting



MISSION SEWING....will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 9AM - Noon. Come and help tie quilts.

GARAGE SALE...May 5, 6, 7, 8...

We will be having a garage sale this spring. So if your doing any downsizing or have items your not using anymore please save them for our sale.

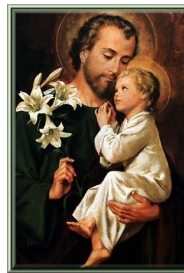
FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS can be viewed livestream or the recorded version on Father Fasnacht's Youtube Channel. At this time we are unable to stream on Facebook but go to Parish Website to watch.



March 3 Grades 1 - 4
March 10 Grades 5 - 8

FAITH FORMATION March 17 Grades 1 - 4

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS... our next class will be held on Sunday, March 7th.



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE has returned to the Gathering Space near the parking lot entrance. For those unfamiliar, this is a display aimed at furthering parishioners' Lenten practice of almsgiving, in two ways.

First, non-perishable food items may be placed on or near the table. These will be taken to the Lake City Food Shelf, which is experiencing greater demand, particularly

during this pandemic and cold weather. Volunteers have increased the available open hours at the Food Shelf, as they respond to our neighbors in need.

Second, kindly consider a monetary donation to the Lake City "Five for Food" Campaign now ongoing. For the seventh year, local companies, organizations, & individuals have signed up to sponsor this initiative to benefit the Lake City Food Shelf. The sponsors will match donations greater than \$5. This effort, an initiative of the Greater Lake City Community Foundation, is the largest source of donations to the Food Shelf each year. The matching opportunity is significant!

There are pre-addressed envelopes & forms available on the St. Joseph's Table. Checks should be made out to the Lake City Food Shelf & sent to the GLCC Foundation, P.O. Box 86, Lake City, MN 55041 (so donations can be matched). Thank you for considering supporting these efforts.

MERCY IN MOTION CAPAIGN.....Shelter the Homeless: 'Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: . . . sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh' (Is. 58:6-7)?

This week, answer Christ's call to Shelter the Homeless by 1) Praying for those without shelter, as well as those who are forced to leave their home countries;

2) Lowering the thermostat by 5 degrees in solidarity with those who have no warm shelter;

3) Generously supporting your local Habitat for Humanity. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this

**ST. MARY'S LIBRARY.....**

Our Library has a good assortment of books to read. Come and check out a book or two and return in two weeks. The Library is open from 8 AM to 4 PM.