



St. Patrick/St. Clement Parish
West Albany
 419 W Lyon Ave
 Lake City, MN 55041
March 21 – 5th Sunday of Lent



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. **Sharing Sunshine is in need of more 'Thinking of You' cards.**

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

<p>Bulletin Prayer Requests</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray for Mike who was airlifted to the hospital this week 	<p>Shoe Drive Fundraiser Goal: 2500 pairs in 60 days - \$1000 for St Patrick's Parish</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and Gently used shoes all sizes / all seasons. (No ice or roller skates or roller blades) <i>Intact soles, no holes or tears in the material please.</i> • Shoes will be collected in the church hall – main entry before or after church, or contact someone to open for you if you do not have a key • All shoes will need to be paired before bagging. Laces can be tied together or pairs without laces can be banded together. • Cash donations to purchase new shoes will also be accepted • Details regarding bagging sessions to get the shoes ready to ship will be posted when available. <p>Any questions, please contact Meg Sprick 651-345-4804</p>										
<p>Confession Afternoon</p> <p>On March 21 I will be hearing confessions at St. Mary's from 2:00 – 4:00 pm Come and enjoy God's mercy, healing and forgiveness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thanks, Fr. Fasnacht</p>	<p>St Patrick's Financial Updates</p> <p>Collections 3/14/21</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 35</td></tr> <tr><td>Envelope</td><td>\$ 1095</td></tr> <tr><td>Easter Flowers</td><td>\$ 165</td></tr> <tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>\$ 45</td></tr> <tr><td>Rice Bowl</td><td>\$ 85</td></tr> </table>  <p>Thanks for Your Support!</p>	Plate	\$ 35	Envelope	\$ 1095	Easter Flowers	\$ 165	Building Fund	\$ 45	Rice Bowl	\$ 85
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<p>Shoe Drive Current Progress</p>  <p>1625 pairs of shoes of our 2500 pair goal have been donated in the first 3 weeks of the campaign. Please keep the shoe donations coming!! Thank you for your donations so far.</p>	<p>Holy Week Mass Times</p> <p>Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. @ St Mary's Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. @ St Mary's 5:30 p.m. @ St Patrick's Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. @ St Mary's Easter Sunday: normal mass times at both parishes</p> 										
<p>Care Packages Sent to Students</p> <p>College Care Packages have been sent out to students living away from home. St Patrick's parish continues to pray and support our young adults.</p> 	<p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Wednesdays during Lent 5:30 pm at St Patrick's March 24 Fridays during Lent 5:30 pm at St. Mary's of the Lake</p> 										

Pastor's Corner

I wanted to share the Bishop's letter to the MN Senators and encourage everyone to write letters to Senators Klobuchar and Smith.

Thank you, Fr. Fasnacht

The following is from Bishop Quinn's communication to Senators Klobuchar and Smith:

Please allow me to share with you my grave concerns with the Equality Act of 2021 (HR 5). As you know, Catholics firmly believe that every person is made in God's image and likeness and this is the basis for upholding the dignity of every person. The respect for all human persons is what fuels the charitable works that the Catholic Church is involved in all over the world. We believe no one should be discriminated against regardless of their religion, their race, or any other characteristic. In my opinion, this Equality Act purports to be nondiscriminatory in its language, but instead, there are several ways that it discriminates against Catholics throughout Minnesota and the United States. If passed, this legislation would:

· punish faith-based charities such as shelters and foster care agencies, and in turn their thousands of beneficiaries, simply because of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§§ 3, 6, 7);

· force both people and organizations in many everyday life and work settings to speak or act in support of "gender transitions," including health care workers and licensed counselors, even when it's against their professional judgment (§§ 3, 6, 7);

· mandate taxpayers to pay for abortions, and health care workers with conscience objections to perform them, ultimately ending more human lives (§§ 3, 6, 9);

· force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in school sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who claim to identify as women (§§ 6, 9); For the past 12 years, it has been my great joy to have taught numerous women athletes at St. Mary's University in Winona. The women athletes work extremely hard to maintain their scholarship as well as remain competitive in their respective sport. This legislation would end any achievements accomplished by women athletes.

· expand the government's definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities (§ 3);

· exclude people from the careers and livelihoods that they love, just for maintaining the truth of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§ 3); and

· discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America's founding principles (§ 9).

As the Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, I strongly oppose this legislation and find that its claim to be non-discriminatory to be completely false.

On Monday the Vatican published a response to the question: "Does the Church have the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex? Response: Negative." In the explanatory note the Vatican stated below:

"God loves every person and the Church does the same, rejecting all unjust discrimination...it is not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage (i.e., outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life), as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex..."

Furthermore, since blessings on persons are in relationship with the sacraments, the blessing of homosexual unions cannot be considered licit...there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family... But he (God) does not and cannot bless sin: he blesses sinful man, so that he may recognize that he is part of his plan of love and allow himself to be changed by him. He in fact takes us as we are, but never leaves us as we are."

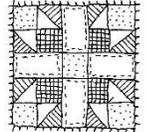
MERCY IN MOTION CAMPAIGN ...Visit the Imprisoned: 'The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners' (Is. 61:1). This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Imprisoned by 1) Praying for an end to human trafficking and the use of the death penalty; 2) Fasting from social media and unnecessary phone use; 3) Writing to prisoners. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

Catholics at the Capitol April 15, 2021 visit catholicsthecapitol.org
Catholics at the Capitol is back, and the need for Minnesota Catholics to speak up for life and dignity is greater now than ever. So, join Catholics from across the state on mission for life and dignity.

This day of prayer, education, and advocacy will form you in our faith by celebrating Mass and hearing from inspiring speakers, inform you on the most critical issues facing our state, and send you on mission from the cathedral of St. Paul to the State Capitol during a Eucharistic Procession before meeting with your legislators to advocate for life & dignity!
*from Feb 21 issue The Courier

Millville Grace UCC Quilt Raffle

A regular-sized quilt was started by Nancy Wilking, Helen Myers put some of her touch in it and then Margaret Loos finished the project. See a photo of the beautiful quilt on the church bulletin board.



A RAFFLE is going to take place February 12 – April 11

Tickets are \$5 each, please send the number of tickets you would like along with the money to:

Cris Wadley
5502 105th Ave NE
Elgin MN 55932

Please make checks out to: **Grace United Church of Christ**

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 March 21 8:00 a.m. - Ervin & Bernice Wiebusch +

Sunday March 28 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence & Dorothy Sexton +

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church (please note time change)

HOUR OF MERCY PRAYER, ROSARY, CHAPLET, STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector - March 21 – Dianne Johnson

March 28 – Jane Timm

April 2 – Louann Fieck