

# St. Mary's of the Lake

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt 24:43-44

LAKWOOD CHURCH  
CROOKED LAKE CHAPEL  
SILVER CLIFF CHAPEL

## Incorporated

12 February 1918 – 12 February 2018

## Under the Title

St. Mary's of the Lake

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## Parish Mission Statement

We the members of St. Mary's of the Lake are called by Jesus to be the light of the world, through the mission and ministry of His Catholic Church; to discover Him, follow Him, worship Him, and share His love.

## Sacraments



### Reconciliation

Lakewood: First Fridays 9am, Sat. 3:30pm

Silver Cliff: after 5:30pm Mass on the

1st Saturday of the month

Crooked Lake: after 7:30am Mass on the

2nd Sunday of the month

### Baptism

Preparation program required,

please contact the office

### Confirmation

Usually confirmed in the junior

and senior year of high school

### Marriage

Make arrangements with the pastor

six months prior to desired date

### Anointing of the Sick

Individual arrangements can

be made through the parish office

## First Friday

Mass at 8:30 am

Exposition from 9:00am - 10:00am

Reconciliation from 9:00am - 10:00am

Benediction at 10:00am

## Religious Education Classes

Wednesday Evenings October - May

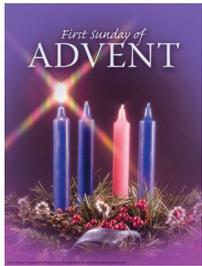
1st-6th 4:00pm-5:30pm

7th-12th 6:30pm-8:00pm

## The Rosary

Lakewood: Wednesdays & Fridays at 8am

Silver Cliff: Saturdays before 5:30 Mass.



## Watch . . .

In the darkness we light a flame of hope. May it dance upon our Advent candle and within each of our hearts as well. Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of faith. And so, with joy, we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with prayerful expectation. This dancing flame sings out that the reign of God, that pure light, is slowly dawning in our world. May this Advent season, that is beginning, bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promise of our God.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00pm Lakewood: Robert, Catherine &  
Vicki VerVoort ✕

5:30pm: Silver Cliff: Patricia Hoenig

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:30am Crooked Lake: Living & Deceased People of the Parish

9:00am Lakewood: Charlie Hirsch ✕

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: World Peace ✕

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard ✕

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8:30am Lakewood:

Friday, December 6, 2019 First Friday HOLY HOUR

8:30am Lakewood: Deacon Bill & Gerri Doran  
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00pm Lakewood: Living & Deceased People of the Parish

5:30pm: Silver Cliff: For the Sick

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:30am Crooked Lake: Donna Gantz ✕

9:00am Lakewood: Lawrence Gonnering ✕

Monday, December 9, 2019 Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Lakewood: Living & Deceased People of the Parish

4:00pm Mass at St. Ambrose in Wabeno



## Time Well Spent!

Please join us Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm at the Lakewood Assisted Living. We will play BINGO with the residents and have an ice cream social. Come share some holiday cheer! Your time is greatly appreciated!

Please notice date change due to  
the Christian Women's Christmas Party.



## Prayer Requests . . .

For healing and good health of mind, body, and spirit: Larry Goffard, Anna Mae Scheifen, William Bohlmann, Lillian Williamson and Randy Enderby

For eternal rest, and for God's blessings on their families: Donna Gantz

For all the prayer requests written in our Parish Book of Petitions.



Prayer Shawls available  
please contact the  
parish office.



## Pray the Rosary

Please join us every Wednesday before Mass at 8:00am to pray the Rosary for the sick of the parish and on Fridays at 8:00am for Peace.

## Your Sharing

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Due to early publication of the bulletin  
totals will be reported next week.



Bishop's Appeal Goal:  
\$25,183.00

Gifts Given: \$21,015.00

*God Bless You For Your  
Sharing & Thank You!*

## Food Pantry Hours

The Christian Food Pantry has moved to the old Laona State Bank building in Lakewood. The pantry is open the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month with distribution at 9am and again at 6pm. Proof of residence from Wabeno to Suring is needed.



## A Special Thank You!

To Gwen Craanen for doing the Ministry Scheduling for the lay ministers at Lakewood. With all of our busy lives she has quite the job and does it well! You are very appreciated!

## Hospitality Weekend!

You are cordially invited for coffee and donuts on the first Sunday of every month, after the 9am Mass at Lakewood and the 7:30am Mass at Crooked Lake.



## Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's of the Lake:

This Sunday December 1, we begin our Advent Season and start our new Liturgical Year. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*: Advent has a twofold character:

- ◆ as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's *First Coming* to us is remembered;
- ◆ as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's *Second Coming* at the end of time.



We tend to think of Advent *only* as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the *General Norms* point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the *Second Coming* of Christ. In other

words, Advent is a season that brings to mind the Two Comings of Christ.

- ◆ The liturgical color for Advent is the color violet or purple. In many places, for the Third Sunday of Advent –i.e. *Gaudete* Sunday, the color rose is used. Even though violet or purple is used, and oftentimes there are reconciliation or penance services during Advent, the focus of Advent is not a penitential season. Rather, it is ‘a period for devout and joyful expectation.’ [Norms 39].

Advent is always a very busy time. Nevertheless, Advent & Christmas only have true & profound meanings when we put Jesus at the center of all. Therefore, among all the *hustle and bustle* of the season, may I suggest some practical spiritual activities:

- ◆ In addition to weekend Mass, if your schedule allows, go to **weekday Mass** a few times this Advent. Go to Mass on Dec 9 (Immaculate Conception –*the Patronal Feast of the U. S.*)
- ◆ **Holy Hour** (with Eucharistic Adoration) First Friday Dec 6th (9 -10 am).
- ◆ Manage to ‘slow down’ and spend some tranquil time to pray, to do some spiritual readings, and to reflect on the ‘Reason for the Season!’ There are always many good & solid articles in the Diocesan newspaper [the COMPASS].
- ◆ Set aside time participate in our **Advent Reconciliation Service** (with individual Confession) on THU Dec. 19th as our interior preparation for Christmas.
- ◆ Plan to **have some quality time** with your families, and share the meaning of Advent & Christmas with your children or grandchildren etc.

The point is: Do something special to make our Advent meaningful, as we continue to believe that ‘*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.*’ (Is. 9: 6) *Fr. Philip*



## Parish Christmas Party Saturday, December 7th

Join us for 4pm Mass at Lakewood followed by dinner, and the movie “Star”. Then a special visit from St. Nicholas!

**Everyone is Invited!**

## Together We Can!

St. Mary's Christian Women are asking for your help to make our Annual Cookie/Candy Sale the best ever. Donations of your favorite cookies, candy and snacks should be brought to Church on Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> or Friday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> before 10AM. **Come join us Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4PM or Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> before or after the 9AM Mass.**



## Holy Name December Breakfast!

St. Mary's Holy Names Society will celebrate their Corporate Communion Sunday on December 8th at the 9am Mass. Following the Mass they will have a breakfast at the Old Town Hall. All active, inactive, and people who wish to become members are welcome. The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Please call Deacon Bill at 715-276-3926 for more details and reservations. Reservations must be made ahead, there is a sign up sheet by the elevator. Please call or sign up so arrangements can be made.



## Christmas Party Invite

All women of the parish are invited to the Christian Women's Christmas Party to be held at the Old Town Hall in Townsend on Thurs. Dec 12th. Socializing at 11:30 a.m. and meal at noon. A family style meal for \$15.50, tax & tip included, will be served. Please bring a non perishable or a \$10 donation for the Food Pantry. Reservations & payment can be made to Marge, 715-850-0214 by Dec 7th or sign up in the back of church by the elevator. The more the merrier...bring a guest! Checks to be made out to "Old Town Hall" and paid at time of reservation.



## Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the Lakewood Church on Monday, December 16th at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. This is a great way to spark the holiday spirit! Your time and help is greatly appreciated!

**Prepare the Way for Christ**