

St. Mary's of the Lake



December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

- Mt 3:4-6

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

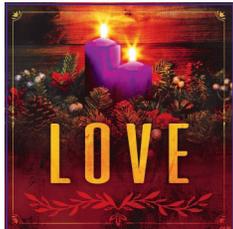
1st-6th 4:00pm-5:30pm

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

The Rosary

Lakewood: Wednesdays & Fridays at 8am

Silver Cliff: Saturdays before 5:30 Mass.



Prepare . . .

With joyful hearts filled with hope, we delight as the circle of light grows wider in the darkness of winter and of our age. In this season when we decorate our towns and our homes with lights and colorful symbols, may we also be busy decorating our hearts. Let us deck the halls of our hearts with deeds of compassion for the poor, with acts of love and service to one another and, with kindness to all. May the preparation and decoration of our hearts rival the joyous beauty in our homes and cities.

Mass Intentions

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

8:30am Lakewood: Living & Deceased People of the Parish
 4:00pm Mass at St. Ambrose in Wabeno

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: World Peace

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard✘

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: For the Sick

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard✘

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00pm Lakewood: John Pakulski✘
 5:30pm: Silver Cliff: Living & Deceased People of the Parish

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:30am Crooked Lake: Albert & Rita Delebreaux
 & Lorraine Lukes
 9:00am Lakewood: Joe & Lillian Hermsen✘



Advent Reconciliation Services



St. Ambrose in Wabeno
 Tuesday, December 17th at 4:30pm
 St. Mary's of the Lake in Lakewood
 Thursday, December 19th at 6pm

Prayer Requests . . .



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

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

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

Lakewood.....	\$2647.00
Silver Cliff.....	\$416.00
Crooked Lake.....	\$304.00
Total.....	\$3367.00
Maintenance Fund.....	\$6926.14

First Sunday of Advent

Lakewood.....	\$815.50
Silver Cliff will be reported next week	
Crooked Lake.....	\$110.00
Total.....	\$925.50
Flowers.....	\$136.00

God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!

2019 Retirement Collection

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided in the church entrances if you wish to divide your giving. Lets share in the Care together!

An Advent Prayer O God of anticipation, as we wait for the coming of the birth of Jesus help us to prepare our hearts to receive one again, the fullness of Emmanuel, "God is with us." **Amen.**

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

◆ Every year, on the December 8th we celebrate The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed



Virgin Mary. In 1846 the Bishop of the United States unanimously chose Mary as the patroness of the Country under the title of **Our Lady of**

the Immaculate Conception. This Patronal Feast is normally a holy day of obligation. However, this year this Feast falls on the Second Sunday of Advent and is therefore not celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation. *The Feastday is instead transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th, but the obligation is lifted.* In other words, going to Mass is not obligatory for the faithful. However, we do have an 8:30 AM Mass in Lakewood on MON Dec 9 (Wabeno at 4:00 PM). You are encouraged to go to church this day to worship God, to honor Mary and to pray for the Country.

◆ The I. C. is the belief that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was graced by God in such a unique way that she was **preserved from sin from the first moment of her existence.** *Immaculate* refers to the absence of sin, and *Conception* refers to Mary's very beginning. Again, this Feast is about Mary's Conception. People may misunderstand the Feast to be about Jesus' Conception (perhaps, because from the Gospel of the Feast we hear, 'You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.' Again, the Immaculate Conception celebrates our Lady's conception free from the effects of the sin of Adam (usually referred to as 'original sin') from the first instant of her conception, and hence we celebrate her birth 9 months later on September 8th. We celebrate the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary in the Annunciation March 25th, and hence we celebrate His Birth 9 months later on Dec 25th. At the Annunciation Mary was greeted as 'FULL OF GRACE.' In other words, there was no moment in Mary's life when God's grace did not fill her. God chose this woman, who was 'full of grace' to conceive and bear the Son of God, and give birth to the source of all holiness and grace!

◆ The belief in Mary's IMMACULATE CONCEPTION dates back to the early days of the Church. However, only in 1854, after consultation with the world's bishops, **Pope Pius IX formally declared the belief of the I. C. to be a dogma of the Catholic Church.** In the dogma, it was written that: The Blessed Virgin 'was, from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.' The I. C. is celebrated on December 8 and is ranked as a SOLEMNITY.

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!



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 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!

Time Well Spent!

Please join us **Tuesday, December 17th 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.**



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!

Grief Support Series

Loss of a loved one & including other topics, such as... divorce, job loss, health issue, storm damage. Open to all & non-denominational. Held Saturday December 14, 2019 at 9:30 AM-11:30 AM at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Lakewood. The sessions will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this series is to offer compassion, connection, and companionship during grief and mourning. This series will be co-facilitated by Diane Walcheske, RN, BSN, CHPN and Caroline Coughlin Lampereur. The sessions are free of charge. Registration is appreciated but not necessary, please call (715) 276-7364.