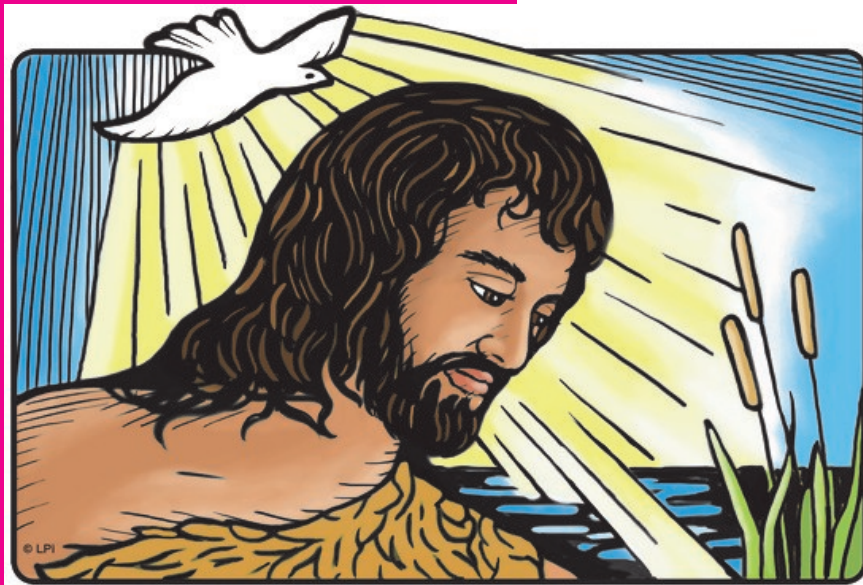


St. Mary's of the Lake



December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” - Mt 11:10-11

LAKWOOD CHURCH
CROOKED LAKE CHAPEL
SILVER CLIFF CHAPEL

Incorporated

12 February 1918 – 12 February 2018

Under the Title

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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.



Rejoice . . .

Leap with love, flames of Advent light, as we begin another week of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. As candle flames give a blessed brilliance to these winter nights, may our gift giving be part of our preparation for God's greatest gift, Emmanuel. May each present we give be a sign of God's gifts of Life, Joy, and Peace to our world. May we wrap every Christmas present with love, so that these gifts become Advent prayers awakening our hearts to the true mystery of Christmas.

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.

Mass Intentions



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 Delebreau & Lorraine Lukes
9:00am Lakewood: Joe & Lillian Hermsen✘

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: World Peace

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard✘

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: For the Sick

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30am Lakewood: Gail Luther✘

Saturday, December 21, 2019

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:30am Crooked Lake: Living & Deceased People of the Parish
9:00am Lakewood: Roger & Elaine Tonnon✘

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Lakewood.....	\$4354.27
Silver Cliff.....	\$707.00
Crooked Lake.....	\$643.00
Total.....	\$5704.27
Maintenance	\$832.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$377.80

God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!

2019 Retirement Collection Share in the Care!

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available to make your contribution at the church entrances. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Be Patient until the coming of the Lord.

Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday, December 24th
Lakewood 6:00pm
Silver Cliff 6:00pm
Wabeno 4:00pm



Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th
Crooked Lake 7:30am
Lakewood 9:00am
Wabeno 10:30am



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

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

As we continue the holy Season of Advent, you may want to recall the four general 'themes' for our four Sundays of Advent: HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. Along with the Scriptures Readings for Mass may I ask you to reflect on these 4 themes as 'soups for our souls.' In this Pastoral Notes



I'd like to reflect with you on PEACE and encouraged you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as a special way to obtain inner PEACE. Jesus the Messiah is indeed the Lord of Love and the Prince of Peace. May we walk in His way & open our hearts to receive His PEACE for our life individually. May we also be peacemakers or agents of PEACE

among ourselves, as we continue to pray for true and lasting PEACE in the world.

- ◆ As we yearn for serenity and pray for inner PEACE individually, may I suggest that you reflect and pray the *Serenity Prayer* a few times during Advent time: 'God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to see the difference.'
- ◆ More importantly, with traditional wisdom, our Mother Church has encouraged us to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. This is the Sacrament that indeed brings PEACE to our hearts. You may recall the passage in John's Gospel (*cf Jn 20: 19ff*): After Resurrection, Jesus appeared and breathed upon the Apostles and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.' In a few preceding verses Jesus said twice, 'PEACE BE WITH YOU!' It is as if our Lord wants to connect PEACE with Reconciliation & Forgiveness. Monday December 5, God blessed us with decent weather (after the snowstorm on the weekend) I drove to the Abbey in De Pere to join other priests for the *Priest Advent Reconciliation Service*. May I invite you to take advantage of our Parish Advent RECONCILIATION SERVICES to obtain PEACE of minds & hearts, and as an efficient way to prepare for a meaningful Christmas. The two Services will be:

Thursday Dec 19 at 6 PM in Lakewood
Tuesday Dec 17 at 4:30 PM in Wabeno

In the Gospel for 2nd SUN of Advent, after St. John the Baptist speaks of the need of repentance, he emphasizes: 'Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance!' Could it be that the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is evidence that in the *hustle and bustle* these days, we mean to repent & change our life for the better because of Jesus?

Fr. Philip



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 Wednesday, December 18th 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.



The Reverse Collection

Today we will have a Reverse Collection for the local food pantry.

Together we are making a difference!



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.



Two Special Thank You's!

To the Catholic United Financial St. Ambrose Council 399 for the St. Nick candy bags for our Religious Education Students and all the goodies they provided for the Christmas Party Dinner!
 Also, thank you to the ladies of the parish for all their help with the dinner!



Thank you to all the people who helped with Jingle Shopping at the Christian Thrift Store



Winter Begins December 22nd

Advice is like snow.
 The softer it falls, the deeper it goes.

