

St. Mary's of the Lake



August 23, 2020

Twenty First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

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.

To Join the Parish: Contact the Office

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.



Welcome!

Cheerfully, we welcome all who have come!
 May God put joy in our hearts and wisdom in our minds and strength to do God's will. Come!
 Let us praise the Creator of us all.

Prayer Requests . . .

For healing and good health of mind, body, and spirit:



Ken Kesner, Barb Mainczyk, Sandra Brennan, Helen Roznowski, Judith Bohl, Larry Goffard, Larry Sievert and Mike Deltgen

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

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 22, 2020

4:00pm Lakewood: Gloria & Tim Verhagen✘
 5:30pm Silver Cliff: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

Sunday, August 23, 2020

7:30am Crooked Lake: Carol Kostichka-Bretl✘
 9:00am Lakewood: Mark & Janet Biese
 60th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Charles Schmitz✘

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Vincente Foscatto✘

Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard✘

Friday, August 28, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: For those who died from Covid-19

Saturday, August 29, 2020

4:00pm Lakewood: For the Health of the Mainczyk Family
 5:30pm Silver Cliff: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

Sunday, August 30, 2020

7:30am Crooked Lake: Randy VanGheem✘
 9:00am Lakewood: Ralph Leurquin

Prayer Shawls available
 please contact the
 parish office.



Pray the Rosary



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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lakewood.....	\$3601.55
Silver Cliff	\$233.00
Crooked Lake.....	\$306.00
Total.....	\$4140.55
Assumption.....	\$158.00

God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!

Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$24,794.00
133 Families Given	\$19,718.00
One by One Campaign	
Total Gifts Given	\$141,406.50
Seminarian Collection	
Total Gifts Given	\$3,045.00

The MinisTREE Program

Catholic United Financial is excited to introduce a new program to our parish. *Minis TREE* is designed to identify and meet some of the volunteer needs in our parish and community. By participating in this program, you are helping to meet our parish needs while also supporting our religious education program. For every 25 "leaves" that are completed or turned in, Catholic United Financial will contribute \$125, up to a maximum of \$500 in a calendar year. At this time "leaves" can be filled out for some of the following activities: 1. Service activities such as cleaning the sacristy and watering flowers, 2. Donations such as bringing in food pantry items, sewing supplies, food for a funeral, or the Baby Bottle drive, or 3. Being an event volunteer such as for a funeral meal or the Parish Picnic (when life gets back to "normal"). Some of the cards are already printed with an activity such as "food pantry donation" or "cleaning" printed on them. Other cards are blank and things like "worked at funeral" or "food for funeral", etc. can be written on them.

"Leaves" (activity cards) will be available on the bulletin board in the back corner of the church. When you have completed an activity fill out one of the cards and put it in the manilla envelope marked Completed MinisTree Cards.

If you have questions or know of an unmet volunteer need in our Parish or in our community that *MinisTREE* could help address, please contact Deb Kruger at 715 276-7404.

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

Below is the reflection during the ANGELUS on the Solemnity of the Assumption (Aug 15, 2020).

When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'. In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest.

The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth. But that **one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us**

hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth" (*Lumen Gentium*, 68).

What does our Mother advise us? Today in the Gospel the first thing she says is: 'MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD' (Lk 1:46). We, accustomed to hearing these words, perhaps we no longer pay attention to their meaning. To 'magnify' literally means 'to make great', to enlarge. Mary 'aggrandizes the Lord': not problems, which she did not lack at the time, but the Lord. How often, instead, we let ourselves be overwhelmed by difficulties and absorbed by fears! Our Lady does not, because she puts *God as the first greatness of life*. From here the *Magnificat* springs forth, from here joy is born: not from the absence of problems, which come sooner or later, but **joy is born from the presence of God** who helps us, who is near us.

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[ANGELUS is a special prayer which may be recited by Catholics 3 times a day (6 am, noon & 6 pm). The name comes from the Latin word for 'Angle,' and the prayer itself reminds us of how Jesus assumed our human nature through the Mystery of Incarnation. Typically, Sunday (& some special Feasts) at noon the Pope speaks from the window of the papal apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square --delivering a short reflection on the Readings of the day, praying the Angelus Prayer. Then, he may also comment on some issue of international concern & greet the pilgrims, etc.]



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Gospel Meditation

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago,

when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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