

St. Mary's of the Lake



November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”
- Mk 13:35-36

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

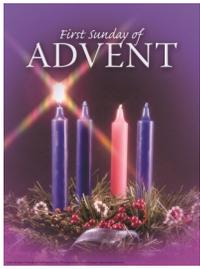
Religious Education Classes

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.

Christian Thrift Store is in need of paper bags!



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 28, 2020

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

5:30pm Silver Cliff: Fr. Leo Lessard✠

Sunday, November 29, 2020

7:30am Crooked Lake: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

9:00am Lakewood: Richard Scarpace✠

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Bob Yadro✠

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Dave Hurlbut✠



Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Dave Hurlbut✠

Friday, December 4, 2020 First Friday HOLY HOUR

8:30am Lakewood: Gerry Bohl✠

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00pm Lakewood: Bob Liebsch✠

5:30pm Silver Cliff: Tony Jacobsmeier✠

Sunday, December 6, 2020

7:30am Crooked Lake: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

9:00am Lakewood: Dave Hurlbut✠

DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

By Pope Francis



Prayer Requests . . .

For healing and good health of mind, body, and spirit: Ken Kesner, Barb Mainczyk, Ed Vejvoda, Joe Kampf, Sandra DeGoey, Gary Wagner, Gwen Wilson, Audrey Hallada, Julie Biese Bane, Joyce West and Ralph Fritsch

For eternal rest, and for God's blessings on their families: Kathleen Marsoleck, Bob Mainczyk and David Wilson

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

Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Rescue me and save me. Do your will in my life. I place my entire being into your healing care. Amen.



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

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



Parish Web Site
www.stmarys-lakewood.com

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

During the course of a year we experience the beginning of a new year in various forms: January 1 is the beginning of our calendar year. The beginning of a lunar year usually occurs in February or March. July 1 is normally the beginning of a fiscal year. Last but not least, a church year or a LITURGICAL YEAR always begins on the first SUN of Advent. So this SUN we



begin our new liturgical year. The term *Advent* has its root from the Latin word *adventus*, which means 'coming' or 'arrival.' ADVENT is indeed a four-week liturgical season before Christmas, when Christ's FIRST COMING into the world is remembered; and that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await

Christ's SECOND COMING at the end of time.

◆ The ADVENT WREATH of evergreen is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. In His eternal Love, God has loved us so much that, when the fullness of time had come, He sent to us His only begotten Son to be the *Emmanuel* –God-with-us. The Advent Wreath is usually adorned with *four candles* which represent the *four special virtues which Jesus brings us*. The First Candle represents HOPE, the Second PEACE, the Third JOY, and the Fourth LOVE.

◆ The main saint of Advent is ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. He is 'the prophet of the Most High' (Lk 1:76), the immediate forerunner of Jesus, and the link between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself. The story of St. John the Baptist is specially recounted on the Second & Third Sundays of Advent. He was the voice crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths' (Is 40:3; Mt 3:3), *which is what we are called to do during Advent*. He also directed peoples' attention not to himself, but to Jesus as he proclaimed: 'Behold, the Lamb of God' (Jn 1:29,36). The Baptist also made one of the marvelous statements in the gospels as he declared, "He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). This is a grand message for us: If we hope to have a spiritually profitable Advent, we, like the Baptist, must avoid focusing on ourselves, but let Jesus increase in our attentiveness, as we honor Him as the center of our Advent and our life.

◆ Even the Covid-19 may prevent you from going to church in person, continue to watch Mass on TV or live-streaming. Go to church during the week to 'avoid the crowd!' Read some good books, and the COMPASS. Take time for prayers & reflections... Have a truly blessed Advent 2020!

Fr. Philip

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.



No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prepare the Way for Christ

A Request from St. Ambrose Parish Wabeno

We are looking for someone to shovel/snowblow our sidewalks & front entrance steps. This could be done as a contractor or employee. If interested please call 715-473-2511 and leave a message so we can get back to you.

With a High Rise of Covid-19:

"The wearing of masks (or face-coverings) is mandatory at Masses celebrated throughout our Diocese and as your shepherd I am asking you to do so. *Bishop Ricken*

◆ *If for health reasons or (other serious reasons) you cannot wear a mask or a face covering, please use the Gathering Space.*

