

St. Mary's of the Lake



December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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

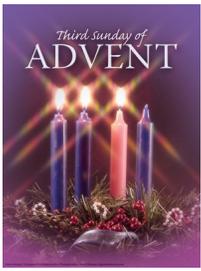
Religious Education Classes

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!



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: Ken Kesner, Barb Mainczyk , Ed Vejvoda, Joe Kampf, Sandra DeGoey, Gary Wagner, Gwen Wilson, Audrey Hallada, Julie Biese Bane, Joyce West, Ralph Fritsch, Tom Boettcher, Merle Verhagen and Myra Verhagen

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

David Wilson

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



Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00pm Lakewood: Charlie Hirsch✘

5:30pm Silver Cliff: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

Sunday, December 13, 2020

7:30am Crooked Lake: Jim Pierquet✘

9:00am Lakewood: Percy Knaub✘

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Dave Hurlbut✘

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✘

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Kathy Rank Family✘

Friday, December 18, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✘

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm Lakewood: Bob Liebsch✘

5:30pm Silver Cliff: Tom Helling✘

Sunday, December 20, 2020

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

9:00am Lakewood: Jeff Yingling✘

Prayer Shawls

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl, or know of someone who would, please call the parish office. A prayer shawl has been blessed by Father and helps to remind us of God's love and care and the prayers of our faith community to know that we are not alone.



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

Second Sunday of Advent

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| Lakewood..... | \$5442.70 |
| Silver Cliff | \$190.00 |
| Crooked Lake..... | \$185.00 |
| Total..... | \$5817.70 |
| Maintenance..... | \$535.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | |
| Lakewood..... | \$177.00 |
| Crooked Lake..... | \$55.00 |

God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!

Be Patient until the coming of the Lord.

Vigil of Christmas

Thursday, December 24th

Lakewood 6:00pm

Silver Cliff 5:30pm

Wabeno 4:00pm



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

Crooked Lake 7:30am

Lakewood 9:00am

Wabeno 10:30am



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.

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

During the 4 Sundays of Advent we are invited to reflect on HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE! For our Third week of Advent we are to reflect on JOY.



As you know, the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT has traditionally been called Rejoice Sunday (or *Lat.* 'Gaudete' Sunday). Even though Covid-19 has changed our lifestyle a great deal, a joyful

atmosphere, with joyful music & eye-catching decorations, is still there. With Joy, we are sending & receiving cards, emails, texts..., With REJOICE SUNDAY, however, the Church wants to remind us not to focus simply on the external. Rather, we are called to see all the external joy-filled events as an expression of our inner JOY –i.e. the only Son of God came to us in flesh to be the Emmanuel (God-with-us). St. Mother Teresa has been known to say: True JOY comes to us when we truly focus on J-O-Y: **J** stands for **J**esus, **O** for **O**thers, and **Y** for **Y**ourselves (or Ourselves). Let us apply this wise advice to our Advent and Christmas:

♦ **J**-ESUS: The first element of JOY comes when we learn more about Jesus and love Him a little bit more! Among what you want to learn more about Jesus, may I suggest that you analyze the song 'O COME, O COME EMMANUEL.' This song has seven verses. Each verse contains a special 'Messianic Title' applied to Jesus, based on the Bible: **Emmanuel** (*Is* 7:14) **Wisdom from on high** (*Sirach* 24:3); **Lord of Might** (*Ex* 3:14); **Root of Jesse** (*Is* 11:1); **Key of David** (*Is* 22:22); **Dayspring** (*Wis* 7:26); **Desire of Nations** (*Jer* 10:7). Also: Each of these 7 verses begins with letter 'O', and is referred to as 'O Antiphons' and are used in the Alleluia Verses before the Gospel from Dec 17 to 23.

♦ **O**-thers: The second element of JOY comes when we share Jesus with others. One special figure during Advent is St. John the Baptist, who pointed Jesus to people, as he clearly said: 'I am the voice crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord!' St. John proclaimed Jesus to others, as he told them to prepare for the coming of Jesus. May each one of us imitate St. John to talk about Jesus, maybe teaching your children and grandchildren something about Jesus, so that we all may have a meaningful Advent and blessed Christmas with Jesus as the center.

♦ **Y**-ourself: The third element of JOY comes when you do not forget yourself. What have you done for **Y**ourselves this Advent? Can you slow down and take some time just for yourselves to read, to pray and to reflect on the 'reasons for the season'? You may want to go to weekday Mass a few times. You may decide to take time for the Reconciliation Service (Dec 15 in Wabeno & Dec 17 in Lakewood),

Fr. Philip

Prepare the Way for Christ

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

Advent Reconciliation Services

St. Ambrose in Wabeno

Tuesday, December 15th at 4:30pm

St. Mary's of the Lake in Lakewood

Thursday, December 17th at 6pm



CONVERSION

[The] Gospel passage (*Mk* 1:1-8) introduces the person and work of John the Baptist. He reveals to his contemporaries an itinerary of faith similar to the one that Advent proposes to us: that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas. This itinerary of faith is an itinerary of *conversion*. What does the word 'conversion' mean? In the Bible it means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching, who in the desert of Judea was 'preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.' (v. 4).



From Pope Francis' Message at the Angelus Dec 6

MinisTree Program

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Ministree cards for food pantry donations, cleaning, counting money, etc. Since the start of the program we have earned \$250. to put toward the Religious Education Program! That amount is the most that can be earned during a 6 month period. Therefore at this time we do not need any more cards filled out. On January 1st we will be able to start earning money again for the next 6 month period. Thanks again!



Winter Begins December 21st

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

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