

St. Mary's of the Lake



December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

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

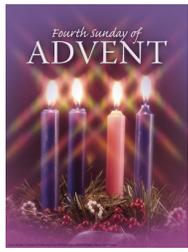
Religious Education Classes

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!



Behold . . .

Amidst the sounds of Christmas-the ringing of bells and the singing of carols-we recall that Christ was born at a moment when all things were in stillness. While our hearts are full of the sounds and excitement of Christmas, help us to create in them small silent places for Christ to be born again in us.

May we learn the secret of Bethlehem-that God chooses the small and simple, the quiet and hidden places for divine visitations. May we create a Bethlehem of stillness in our hurried lives lest their be no room in us for God to come this Christmas-and stay.

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, Tom Boettcher, Merle Verhagen, Myra Verhagen and Marty Kruger

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

David Wilson and Dolores Rzepka

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



Mass Intentions



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✠

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Hank Wurzer✠

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

8:30am Lakewood: Larry Goffard✠

Thursday, December 24, 2020 Vigil of Christmas

5:30pm Silver Cliff: For Our Country

6:00pm Lakewood: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose

4:00pm St. Ambrose in Wabeno

Friday, December 25, 2020 The Nativity of the Lord

7:30am Crooked Lake: Vernon & Carol Kostichka✠

9:00 Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✠

10:30am St. Ambrose in Wabeno

Saturday, December 26, 2020

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

5:30pm Silver Cliff: Deceased Members of the Lester Joachim Family✠

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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

9:00am Lakewood: Tanya Klobucar✠

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Lakewood.....	\$4777.00
Silver Cliff	\$261.00
Crooked Lake.....	\$750.00
Total.....	\$5788.00

Immaculate Conception.....	\$127.90
Retired Religious.....	\$1594.50

Christmas Flowers

Lakewood.....	\$115.00
Silver Cliff.....	\$10.00

God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!

Thank You! Share in the Care!

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection.

Typhoon Relief

At Bishop Ricken's request, we will have a second collection today for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Thank you!



Be Patient until the coming of the Lord.



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



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

◆ First, I'd like to ask you to look again at the ADVENT WREATH, which speaks

volumes of LOVE. The round shape of the Wreath signifies God's LOVE, which has no end. The evergreen on the Wreath signifies God's 'evergreen' LOVE, which never dies. In His everlasting LOVE for us, when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son to us: 'In this way the LOVE of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.' (1Jn 4: 9). The same message is expressed in Jn 3: 16: 'For God so LOVED the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.'

◆ There is something about a baby that we cannot help but loving him/her. Christmas time reminds us: God humbles himself and empties himself --making himself just as accessible to us, just as vulnerable, as a tiny baby—so that we can dare to LOVE him, and in our love for him, find all his LOVE for us. As a whole, the Birth of Jesus, His ministry, the Gospel, the Church, the Cross --all boil down to LOVE. May Advent & Christmas prompt us to deepen our LOVE of Jesus, the *Emmanuel* --God-with-us! At the same time, 'Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must LOVE one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we LOVE one another, God remains in us, and his LOVE is brought to perfection in us.' (1Jn 4: 11-12)

◆ During Advent and Christmas, we cannot help but reflecting on the LOVE of two other very special figures: MARY and JOSEPH. Mary LOVED God dearly. At the Annunciation, through Gabriel, God wanted her to conceive in her womb and bear a son --i.e. the Son of God. With her LOVE of God and of humankind, she dared say to the Angel, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' St. Joseph was the just man, to whom God entrusted the most daunting task ever asked of a man --i.e. to be the husband of a woman who would give birth to the Messiah. He was indeed the wonderful foster father of Jesus and the protector of the Holy Family. Both Joseph and Mary certainly LOVED Jesus and were the closest ones to Him. Let us ask Mary and Joseph to pray for us, so that we may know, love, and serve Jesus more as His disciples.

Fr. Philip



MERRY & BLESSED

Christmas

filled with

HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE

AND ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT YOU NEED
MOST TO BE FAITH-FILLED DISCIPLES OF JESUS
IN THE WORLD TODAY!

Fr. Philip



The Hinge

The Hinge of history is on the door
of a Bethlehem stable.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all the parishioners who donated money for our Christmas flowers. Your gifts of love and generosity in honor of your loved ones will decorate our hearts and make our churches a true place of welcome for our savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you to the Art and Environment Committee of Lakewood, the Decorating Committees of Silver Cliff and Crooked Lake, all the ladies and gentlemen of the parish who helped decorate and organize our worship spaces for Christmas. You did a great job! Your time, effort, and creativity are very much appreciated.



Christmas is . . .

Goodwill and compassion, firelight and candlelight, a family tree, a time for worship, it's the glow on a child's face; most of all, a story of love, which began centuries ago and spread to all the world.