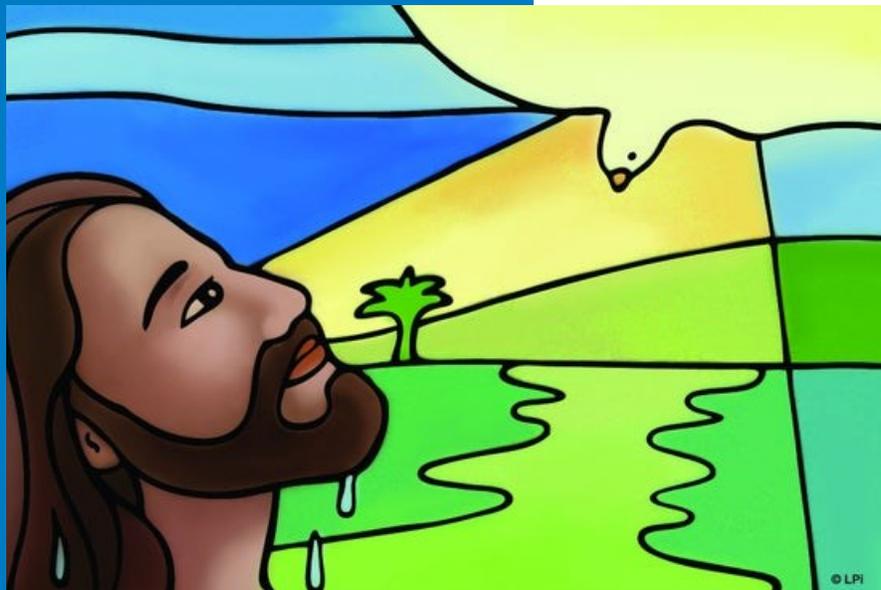


# St. Mary's of the Lake



January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11

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!



## Welcome

We welcome each of you as we remember Jesus' baptism and our own baptisms. In the thought of the early church . . . We find Christian baptism closely connected with the death and resurrection of Christ as a solemn rite in

which the individual becomes so united with Christ that he dies to sin and rises with a new life.

## Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00pm Lakewood: The Mainczyk Families  
5:30pm Silver Cliff: Bernice Gruenke✘

Sunday, January 10, 2021

7:30am Crooked Lake: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose  
9:00am Lakewood: Dave Hurlbut✘

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

8:30am Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✘

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:30am Lakewood: Bob Yadro✘

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:30am Lakewood: Fr. Leo Lessard✘

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:30am Lakewood: Avis Flynn✘

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00pm Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✘  
5:30pm Silver Cliff: Tony Jacobsmeier✘

Sunday, January 17, 2021

7:30am Crooked Lake: The People of St. Mary's & St. Ambrose  
9:00am Lakewood: Bob Mainczyk✘

## The Compass in the Bulletin

The Compass in the bulletin is like a mini Compass, offering Catholic news, inspiring words from Pope Francis, messages from Bishop David Ricken, and parish submitted photos. These are provided the first Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in receiving the Compass Newspaper.

## 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 Frank Mainczyk

For eternal rest, and for God's blessings on their families: Dolores Rzepka, Eugene Fencil, Bill Bohlmann, Ron Turk and Marty Kruger

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



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 Epiphany of the Lord

Lakewood.....	\$4424.06
Silver Cliff .....	\$453.00
Crooked Lake.....	\$585.00
Total.....	\$5462.06
Mary Mother of God.....	\$673.00

*God Bless You For Your Sharing & Thank You!*

## Reflect & Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

### Second Reading:

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

### Gospel Question:

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?



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

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

[Below is part of Pope Francis' Reflection during the Angelus on BAPTISM OF THE LORD 2019]:

✠ We Today, at the conclusion of the Liturgical Season of Christmas, we celebrate the FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE



LORD. The liturgy calls us to more fully get to know Jesus, whose birth we have just celebrated; and for this reason the Gospel (cf. Lk 3:15-16, 21-22) illustrates two important elements: *Jesus' relationship with the people* and *Jesus' relationship with the Father*.

◆ In the narrative of the Baptism, administered to Jesus by John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan, we see first and foremost **the role of the people**.

Jesus is in the midst of the people. This is not just background scenery, but is an essential component of the event. Before immersing himself in the water, Jesus **'immerses' himself in the crowd**; he joins it, fully taking on the human condition, sharing everything, except sin. In his divine holiness, full of grace and mercy, the Son of God became flesh precisely to take upon himself and take away the sin of the world: taking on our miseries, our human condition. Thus today's event is also an *epiphany*, because by going to have himself baptized by John, in the midst of the repentant people, **Jesus manifests the logic and meaning of his mission**.

◆ By joining the people who ask John for the Baptism of conversion, **Jesus shares with them the deep desire for inner renewal**. And the Holy Spirit, who descends upon him 'in bodily form, as a dove' (v. 22), is a sign that with Jesus a new world is being initiated, a 'new creation' in which all those who welcome Jesus into their life participate. The words of the Father are also addressed to each of us, that we may be reborn with Christ in Baptism: 'Thou art my beloved son; with thee I am well pleased' (v. 22). This Fatherly love, which all of us received on the day of our Baptism, is a flame that was lit in our heart, and **needs to be kindled by means of prayer and charity**. [To Be Continued]

**ORDINARY TIME:** After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we enter the Church's *Ordinary Time*. As a matter of fact, [this year] January 11 will be Monday of the first week in Ordinary Time. It is called *ordinary* simply because the weeks in this period are *numbered*. The Latin word *ordinalis* refers to numbers in *order*. In other words, weeks in the Ordinary Time are numbered in order, totaling 33 or 34 in a given year and representing the weeks from the Baptism of the Lord until Ash Wednesday; and again from Pentecost until Advent. During these 33-34 weeks, the Church invites her children to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ – his life, preaching & miracles, teachings & healings– in the light of his Nativity and Resurrection.

## When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."



Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening. Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## MinisTree Program

If you bring in food for the food pantry, or come in to clean the sacristy, etc. please fill out a MinisTree card (found on the bulletin board in the back corner of the church). The first time you fill out a card please fill in all of the info requested (name, address, phone, age). After that just fill in your name and the activity (if that is not already indicated on the card). Put your completed card in the manila envelope that is on the board. Each completed card will earn \$5 for the Religious Education Program. Thank you so much for giving & volunteering!



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