

Our Lady of the Plains December 8, 2024

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with the daily Mass readings; also available by audio at www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass

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Father Feller's Corner:

Many of us have the tradition of giving gifts to the ones we love in celebration of Christmas. Donations to our food pantries, community outreaches, helping with gifts for families in need, etc. are beautiful expressions of love. These acts of charity enlighten our world in a way that surpasses even the heartwarming Christmas lights in the night sky. St. Mother Teresa called this the joy of giving. As God the Father gives us his Only Begotten Son in the stable at Bethlehem, we share in His generosity in bestowing gifts of helpfulness and cheer to those far and near. The gifts we give are expressions of our love and are also reminders of the greatest gift of all: Jesus.

So, as we give gifts this year around the Christmas Tree, we can contemplate how our generosity and gifts can be connected to the Father's generosity in giving us the gift of Jesus. In addition, how we receive the gifts with gratitude and joy can remind us how to receive the Father's Gift this season.

With Christmas on December 25th, we are also coming to the end of 2024. Thank you for your donations to the church throughout this past year. I want to acknowledge your giving especially with the higher cost of living and the lower commodity prices in agriculture. Giving is down a bit from this time last year and our budgets have increased. Giving is down because some of our consistent donors have passed away or moved, lower grain prices have cut down on what people can give, and a cross section of our parishioners do not donate. Usually around this time, we make up for the lower giving with year-end contributions.

Here are some numbers related to the donations given through our adult envelopes/ACH July 1 - November 30, 2024 and July 1 - November 30, 2023:

	Adult Envelopes		
	Received 7/1/24 - 11/30/24	Budgeted 7/1/24-11/30/24	Received 7/1/23-11/30/23
St. Thomas	\$40,689.00	\$59,791.65	\$47,319.00
St. Francis	\$37,125.00	\$59,952.00	\$48,914.50
St. Mary	\$54,461.00	\$77,500.00	\$58,693.00

If you haven't donated yet, please prayerfully consider doing so or setting up a monthly automatic donation. Our office can help you set this up. On behalf of our parish communities and our employed staff members, thank you for your contributions. These donations are what allow our parish to run and spread the Good News! Thank you!

Fr. Brian F. Feller

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception



Sunday, Dec. 8: 4:30 pm - Lohrville
 Monday, Dec. 9: 7:00 am - Lake City
 Monday, Dec. 9: 7:30 am - Manson
 Monday, Dec. 9: 8:00 am - Rockwell City
 Monday, Dec. 9: 5:00 pm - Auburn

Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, Dec. 11: 11:00 am - Rockwell City
Meal and Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, Dec. 11: 6:30 pm - Manson

Wednesday, Dec 18: 7:00 pm - Lake City

Rejoice!
 An Advent Pilgrimage Into the Heart of Scripture
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 FR. MARK TOUPS

Join us after Mass each week of Advent
 for a short discussion and reflection - Book Provided!

Rockwell City - December 7, 14 & 21
 Manson - December 8, 15 & 22
 Lake City - December 8, 15 & 22

Father Feller's Annual Christmas Party



Thursday, Dec. 19
 in the Parish Hall at St. Mary - Lake City.
 Come and go beginning at 6pm. Drinks and meat will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

MASS INTENTIONS

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	
Monday	Dec. 9	7:00 am	Lake City	People of the Parish
		7:30 am	Manson	Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Earl & Mardella Martin
Tuesday	Dec. 10	8:00 am	Rockwell City	Jeff Hammen
		5:00 pm	Auburn	Dave and Judy Brend
		7:30 am	Manson	Alan "Butch" Markert
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Lambert Klocke
Wednesday	Dec. 11	12:00 pm	Lake City	Ron Wetter
		7:30 am	Manson	Velma Nieland
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Dale & Joan Stumpf
Thursday	Dec. 12	7:30 am	Manson	Jack Pierick
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Don "Butch" Rodenborn
		5:30 pm	Prison	Paul & Michael Kehoe
Friday	Dec. 13	7:30 am	Manson	In Gratitude & Thanksgiving
		8:00 am	Lake City	Arlo & Donita Schrad
		NO MASS	Accura Care	
Saturday	Dec. 14	5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Martin Hildreth
Sunday	Dec. 15	8:30 am	Manson	Father Steve Brodersen & People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lake City	Living & Deceased Members of Ben & Mary Franque; and Don & Marilyn Lauver

ADORATION & CONFESSION:



ADORATION
*St. Mary Church, Lake City, every **Tuesday (unless no Mass)** from 4:30-5:30 pm.

—**CONFESSION**

(Fr. Feller) **when adoration: 4:45-5:15pm**

***ADORATION: St. Francis Church, Rockwell City, every Monday: 5-6pm**

***ADORATION: St. Thomas Church, Manson, every Wednesday, 9-10:30 am.**

—**CONFESSION** (Fr. Jim or Fr. Feller) from **9:15-9:45am. (Another adoration time at St. Thomas, every Monday: 5-7 pm.)**

Sign-up sheet in the entrance of the church (two guardians are needed.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers	Ushers	Gifts	Greeters	Money Counters
Rockwell City Sat., Dec. 14 5:30 pm	Lisa Wozniak	Jennifer Taylor Marcia Lynch Merle Wuebker	Shannon Melody Carolyn Melody	Andy Melody Scott O'Tool	Rhonda Meyer	Andy Melody Scott O'Tool	Stacey Johnson Joel Wuebker
Manson Sun., Dec. 15 8:30 am	Anne Condon	Laurie Barrett Tim & Deb Troshynski Randy & Joann Waller	Brody Bush Brayden Bush	Marie Kaufman Wesly Lamphier	Betty Sweet	Marie Kaufman Wesly Lamphier	Linda Schuttler Linda Sigler
Lake City Sun., Dec. 15 10:30 am	Linda Iler	Larry Schleisman Luanne Redenius Luann Ludwig Richard Vanderheiden	Blair Schleisman Kiana Smith	Roger McKinney Gary Redenius Mel Pudenz	Jess Drees	Violet Schleisman	Sara Iler Beth McCarter



TOGETHER AS ONE: Thank you for your generous response to make a pledge to Together as One. See below the shortfalls of each parish. For those who have NOT returned their pledge card, I am asking, as your pastor, to do so by next week. We will meet our goal quickly when you respond sooner rather than later. **Mark envelope TAO** if you did not receive in mail.

St. Francis: Contributions \$5,813; shortfall \$7,286 | **St. Thomas:** Contributions \$3,804; shortfall \$8,538 | **St. Mary:** Contributions \$6,885; shortfall \$4,360

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date	Manson	M Snack M Meal	Lake City	LC Snack LC Meal	LC Bus Duty
Dec. 11	Reconciliation	XX Teachers	K-5th, 6th -12th	Laura Gulbranson Holly Wuebker	XX
Dec. 18	K-7, Conf/HS	XX Ramthun/Ollinger	Mass K- 5th, 6th -12th Reconciliation	Melissa Kinney Knights of Columbus	XX
Dec. 25	No Class				

To have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of someone who died, or for a special intention, birthday, or anniversary is appropriate, beneficial, and appreciated. Please call the office to schedule.



Stewardship

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back.
It's all about God.

Weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Rockwell City	1308.00	104.00		105.00			
Manson	2155.00	125.00		180.00		60.00	
Lake City	2780.00	234.00		385.00	150.00		

PARISH EVENTS

St. Mary in Lake City will have a second collection today, Dec. 8, for the needy families in our communities. Please be generous.

Upcoming Coffee & Rolls

Sunday, Dec. 8, after the 8:30am Mass, at St. Thomas in Manson. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Pastoral Council Meeting: St. Francis, Rockwell City, on Tues., Dec. 10, 7pm.

Brew & Brotherhood will meet at 6:30am, at St. Thomas Parish Hall on Dec. 12 & 26. All are welcome to join.

St. Mary Holy Name will meet Thursday, Dec. 12th. Social hour at 6pm, supper at 7pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Cooks will be Paul Stumpf, Henry Otto, Doug Brincks, and Dean Heim.

Poinsettia Sign-Up sheets are in the entrance of all three churches. Deadline to place your order is Sunday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$20.



Knights of Columbus #14494 will meet on Tues., Dec. 17th, after the 6:15 pm Mass at St. Thomas in Manson.

St. Joseph, Lohrville, will have a Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00pm. Poinsettias are available to purchase in remembrance of a loved one and will be displayed during Mass. Cost is \$20. Place orders at the Lohrville Mass on Dec. 8 or contact the Parish Office by December 15.

The choir at St. Francis - Rockwell City is asking all who love to sing to please join in singing hymns for the Christmas Mass. They will sit in the front pews in front of the piano. All ages are welcome to join!

Scholarship Opportunity at St. Mary in Lake City: Applicant must be: (1) currently enrolled in college who (2) attended religious education classes in Lake City throughout their high school years and (3) whose family is a registered member of St. Mary. Those attending a Catholic college may apply for a \$500 each year they attend (maximum of 4 years); a one-time \$250 scholarship is available to each eligible student attending any college. Application packets are in church office.

Fr. Lynn Bruch's address: 20635 150th St., Carroll, IA 51401

KUEMPER NEWS:

Important Upcoming Dates:

Mon, Dec 9: No School
Tues, Dec 10: Penance Services for grades 3, 7-12
Wed, Dec 11: Penance Services for grades 4-6
Fri, Dec 13: Grades 7-12 Benediction @ Holy Spirt Church at 2:45pm



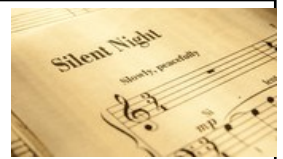
Christmas Concerts:

- TK, Wed, Dec. 11 (AM Class-9:30am, PM Class-1:30pm)
- Grades 7-12, Wed, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm
- Kindergarten, Thurs, Dec. 12 at 2:15pm
- Grades 1-3, Thurs, Dec. 12 at 5:45pm
- Grades 4-6, Thurs, Dec. 12 at 7pm
- Preschool, Fri, Dec. 13 (AM Class-9:30am, PM Class-1:30pm)

Kids' Christmas Choir will sing during the Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary.

K-5th grades will practice Dec. 11 & 18 at

5 pm. During Christmas Eve Mass, the kids will sit with their families. When Offertory begins, please have choir kids go to choir loft. If questions: Diane, 712-830-9974.



Interested in Priesthood? The Vocations Office and seminarians of our Diocese invite college age men to a discernment check-in called "Fireside," Dec. 21-22, in Storm Lake at Kings Pointe. Please contact the parish office for information.

Grief Support Group will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at noon in the Parish Hall at St. Mary - Lake City.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Opportunity Living's Operation Illumination: Virtual Silent Auction ends Dec. 8 at 8:00pm.



Lake City Capri Theatre Upcoming Showing
Dec. 6-8, 13-15: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Hours: Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm & Sundays at 2pm.
ADMISSION is \$2.00.



Manson Ministerial Food Pantry is open Fridays from 9 am to 12 pm.
Donations may be sent to: Max Dodds, 1401 Main St., Manson IA 50563.
Checks need to be made out to the Manson Ministerial Association.
Donations can be also dropped off at St. Thomas Catholic Church.
Boxes are located in the entrance of the Church.

LAKE CITY LOCAL FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

Food donations are welcome. Monetary donations are appreciated.
Mail to: Lake City Food Pantry, 200 N. Woodlawn Ave., Lake City, IA 51449
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This week's pantry needs: Canned potatoes and canned tomatoes. (In coordination with Lake City Food Center sale items to meet the needs of the Food Pantry).



OPEN AA MEETINGS—St. Thomas Catholic Church, Manson holds AA/AI-Anon meetings on **Mondays at 7 pm.**

Second Sunday of Advent



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