

Our Lady of the Plains December 15, 2024

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Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass

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Hello, parishioners of Our Lady of the Plains! I hope this message finds you well. As Christmas and the end of another year approach, I've been reflecting on my time here over the past few months. This time of year is a reminder to pause and appreciate what we have, and I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation for each of our parishioners. Your support - whether through your time, talents, or financial contributions - is a true gift, allowing our parish to thrive and grow. Our volunteers, in particular, are truly the heart and hands of our parish. We are incredibly fortunate to have your unwavering support.

Over the last several months, I've enjoyed getting to know many of you and learning more about how we can continue to strengthen and support each of our churches. I've had the opportunity to review various aspects of our operations, and I'm excited to share a few updates with you.

One area I've been focusing on is our technology infrastructure. We are currently in the process of upgrading our Church Management Software, a vital system that helps us manage parishioner information, donations, sacramental records, and much more. The current system is outdated and will no longer be supported after this year. Our new system will streamline communication with email and texting capability, improve data integrity, and offer a more efficient way to manage information. We are excited about the possibilities this upgrade will bring.

In addition to the software upgrade, we are also launching a new, more user-friendly website in the coming weeks. The website will offer several helpful features, including online giving, integration with our Church Management Software, event management and registration, religious education resources, and a mobile-friendly design. We hope this new website will be a helpful resource whether you're looking to get involved, donate, or simply stay informed.

I'm truly grateful for your support as we continue making improvements that will benefit our parish. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas season.

Maria Monahan

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm—Rockwell City

5:00 pm—Manson

5:30 pm—Lake City

8:00 pm—Lohrville



Christmas Day—Wednesday, Dec. 25

8:00 am—Rockwell City

8:30 am—Manson

10:00 am—Lake City

Communal Reconciliation

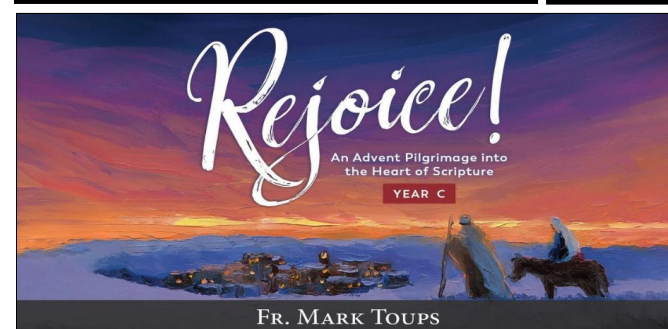
Wednesday, Dec 18: 7:00 pm - Lake City

Parish Office Christmas Schedule: The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25, for the Christmas Holiday.

Thank you to all who contributed towards the God's Harvest Sale at St. Mary—Lake City.

We raised over \$26,000!

A special thank you to the students who helped at the sale: Andrew, Brenna, Collin, Hayden, Josie, Katelynn, Kiana, Kinley, Sophia, Benjamin, Blayne, Ellie, Grace, Logan, Caleb, Emily, Shannon, Anna, Brooklyn, Charlotte, Jaycee, Liam, & MaKinlee



Join us after Mass each week of Advent

for a short discussion and reflection - Book Provided!

Rockwell City - December 14 & 21

Manson - December 15 & 22

Lake City - December 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 6 pm. Drinks and meat will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

MASS INTENTIONS

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	
Monday	Dec. 16	NO MASS		
Tuesday	Dec. 17	6:15 pm	Manson	All Souls Intentions for the Faithfully Departed
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	All Souls Intentions for the Faithfully Departed
		5:30 pm	Lake City	All Souls Intentions for the Faithfully Departed
Wednesday	Dec. 18	7:30 am	Manson	Steve Sweet and Teresa Sexton and Dic Fitzgerald
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Sister Mary Dennis and Pat Hobart
		4:00 pm	Lake City	Wilbur Wiederin
Thursday	Dec. 19	7:30 am	Manson	In Gratitude and Thanksgiving
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Diane O'Tool Bunnell
		5:30 pm	Prison	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit & Favorable Weather
Friday	Dec. 20	7:30 am	Manson	Alan "Butch" Markert
		8:00 am	Lake City	Don Smith
		10:30 am	Accura Care	Gerald Deluhery
Saturday	Dec. 21	5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Frank Fouts
Sunday	Dec. 22	8:30 am	Manson	Michael R. Lenz and People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lake City	Fred, Rosie, and Don Vogel

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.)

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers	Ushers	Gifts	Greeters	Money Counters
Rockwell City Sat., Dec. 21 5:30 pm	Maureen Hobart	Rosann Hansen Marvin Wuebker Ron Hammen	Cade Higgins Kaitlyn O'Neill	Paula Klocke Doug Klocke	Michelle Dischler	Paula Klocke Doug Klocke	Linda Rokes Elaine Ridgely
Manson Sun., Dec. 22 8:30 am	Doug Gaul	Randy Waller Jan Nelson Denise Besch Mike & Laurie Barrett	Levi Ollinger Elliott Droste	Jerry Chizek Jacob Peed	Joann Waller	Jerry Chizek Jacob Peed	Michael Waller Pamela Chizek
Lake City Sun., Dec. 22 10:30 am	Claire Riat	Ryan Hildreth Judy Miller Carla Morrow Jason Wernimont	Abigail Carver Brinkley Block	Jerry Schleisman Keith Lampe Mark Schrad	Brandie Carver	Trish Wanat	Marleta Smith Lois Smith



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 \$6,189; shortfall \$6,910 | **St. Thomas:** Contributions \$4,389; shortfall \$7,953 | **St. Mary:** Contributions \$8,991; shortfall \$2,254

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date	Manson	M Snack M Meal	Lake City	LC Snack LC Meal	LC Bus Duty
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				
Jan. 1	No Class				

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Weekend of Dec. 7/8	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Rockwell City	2633.00	212.00		320.00			
Manson	1860.00	137.00		340.00		50.00	
Lake City	1540.00	182.00		1082.00			375.00

PARISH EVENTS

St. Mary in Lake City will have a second collection today, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22 for the needy families in our communities. Please be generous.

Upcoming Coffee, Juice, & Rolls

Thursday, Dec. 19 after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Francis in Rockwell City



St. Mary—Lake City will be bringing up Christmas trees and decorations from the basement after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Volunteers are needed.

Knights of Columbus Council #14494 is pleased to recognize Kelvin Aljets as our Knight of the Month and Cindy & Nick Loots as our Family of the Month. The Loots' were recognized by the Iowa Knights of Columbus as the statewide Family of the Month. Congratulations!



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

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.

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

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



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. Please arrive by 4:40 pm. All ages are welcome to join!

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

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

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.

KUEMPER NEWS:

Substitute teachers and substitute nurses (RN required) needed. To complete an application: kuemper.org/employment-opportunities.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tues., Dec. 17

- School Board Meeting at 4 pm

Wed., Dec. 18

- 7-12 Mass at 2:15 pm
- Booster Club Meeting at 5:30 pm

Fri., Dec. 20

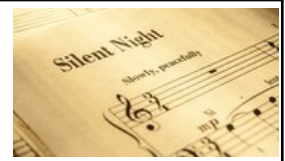
- 2 Hour Early Out for Christmas
- Grades 7-12 Candle Lighting Service



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

K-5th grades will practice Dec. 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Baked Potato Supper hosted by the MNW National Honor Society on Tuesday, December 17 from 5 pm-7 pm during the MNW vs. SE Valley basketball game in Manson. Enjoy a loaded baked potato, dessert, and beverage for \$5. Children 12 and under, \$3.

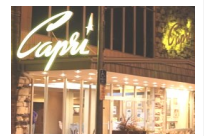
Accura Care Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

Lake City Capri Theatre Upcoming Showing

Dec. 13-15: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Hours: Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm & Sundays at 2pm.

ADMISSION is \$2.00.



Community Christmas Dinner at Woodlawn Christian Church

Wednesday, Dec. 25 from 11:30 am—1:30 pm

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



Pantry Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 am & Thurs. 2-4 pm.

Phone: 712-640-6413

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This week's pantry needs: Pudding Cups and Instant

Pudding Mix (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.

Third Sunday of Advent



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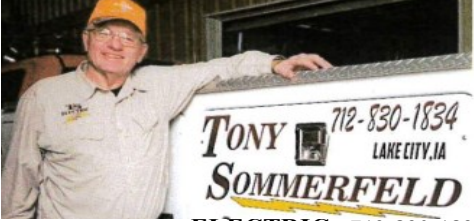
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