

# Our Lady of the Plains December 22, 2024

Churches of St. Mary (Lake City), St. Thomas (Manson), St. Francis (Rockwell City)  
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## Prepare for Mass

with the daily Mass readings; also available by audio at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

## Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass

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## Father Feller's Corner:

In 1943, just a few years before I was born, Bing Crosby debuted: "I'll Be Home for Christmas." The lyrics were written by Kim Gannon and the musical score was composed by Walter Kent. The text goes like this:

I'll be home for Christmas  
You can plan on me  
Please have snow and mistletoe  
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the love light gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams



Perhaps some will hear Crosby's smooth baritone voice as you read these words. But for all of us who will be going to Mass this Christmas, we can say – I'll be home for Christmas. Whether you will be traveling or not, when you enter a Catholic Church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, you are home. This is equally true for those who haven't been to Mass in months or years. While we might participate to different degrees, not yet be in full communion with the Church, or not Catholic, the Church is home. The Church is home because it is where the heart of God is pouring forth the love of God in Christ Jesus. The Church as a building is the place of his loving presence in the offering of the Most Holy Eucharist – The Bread of Heaven. The Church is also the believing community who - filled with Holy Spirit – pass on the love of Christ to the world.

When you attend Christmas Masses, please welcome one another home with smiles, kind gestures, peaceful words. Scooting over in the pew, opening a door for someone, and parking a little further away are examples of loving gestures to welcome one another home. Some people don't come home because they feel judged and not loved. It is true, there is such a thing as good and evil. But it is also true that every person is created with dignity and is always worthy of love and respect no matter what differences there may be.

"Lord Jesus, help us welcome one another with the same joy we have when welcoming you into our lives as a baby placed in our arms by your Mother – Our Lady of the Plains."

*Fr. Brian F. Feller*

## 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

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

### New Year's Eve—Tuesday, Dec. 31

5:30 pm—Rockwell City  
6:00 pm—Manson  
6:00 pm—Auburn



### New Year's Day—Wednesday, Jan. 1

8:30 am—Manson  
8:30 am—Lake City  
10:00 am—Rockwell City

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

**Parish Office New Year's Schedule:** The Parish Office will be **closed** Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year's holiday.

Please prayerfully remember your parish through your individual end-of-year contributions. Your contribution helps us to answer God's call and to reach out to all our parishioners and beyond.

**Please note:** To comply with federal law, donations must be received (or postmarked) by 12/31/2024 to be included on your 2024 parishioner contribution statement.

**Thank you for your understanding and generosity.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	5:00 pm	Manson	Lloyd Schreier
		5:00 pm	Rockwell City	Deceased Members of the McGinty Family
		5:30 pm	Lake City	Chelsey Henkenius and Luke Schleisman
		8:00 pm	Lohrville	Tony & Anna Vogel and Larry & Bea Vogel and Living and Deceased Family Members of Alvin & Dorothy Berger
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	8:30 am	Manson	Jack Pierick
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	People of the Parish
		10:00 am	Lake City	Vern & Mary Lightfoot and Michael Hying
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	7:30 am	Manson	Deceased Members of Frank & Anna Schreier
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Keevan & Marcella Hammen & Family
		5:30 pm	Prison	James O'Mara
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	7:30 am	Manson	Cathy Lenz
		<b>NO MASS</b>	Lake City	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Ronnie Wetter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	8:30 am	Manson	A. Robert & Anna Miller and People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lake City	Randy & Nick Schaffer

### ADORATION & CONFESSION:

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



**\*ADORATION:**  
**St. Thomas Church,**  
 Manson, **every**  
**Monday: 5-7 pm**



**Keep the Christmas spirit all year long.**  
 Peace on earth will come to stay when we  
 live Christmas every day.  
*-Helen Steiner Rice*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers	Ushers	Gifts	Greeters	Money Counters
<b>Rockwell City</b> Tues., Dec 24 5:00 pm	Marvin Wuebker	Loren Wuebker Karen Anderson Rosann Hansen <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Caleb Gaffney	Doug & Paula Klocke		Doug & Paula Klocke	
<b>Manson</b> Tues., Dec. 24 5:00pm	Janine Lynch	Tim & Deb Troshynski Mike & Laurie Barrett Betty Sweet <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Chase Lamphier Christian Lamphier	Wesley Lamphier Jacob Peed		Wesley Lamphier Jacob Peed	
<b>Lake City</b> Tues., Dec. 24, 5:30pm	Ryan Hildreth	Jim & Jodi Henkenius Luanne Redenius Chris Heim	Quinn Hildreth Nicholas Wernimont	Gary Redenius Dean Heim Andy Melody		Luanne Redenius	
<b>Rockwell City</b> Wed., Dec 25, 8:00 am	Michelle Dischler	Merle Wuebker Ron Hammen Maureen Hobart <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Kaitlyn O'Neill Cambria Gittins	Joel Wuebker Larry Winkelbauer		Joel Wuebker Larry Winkelbauer	Stacey Johnson Joel Wuebker
<b>Manson</b> Wed., Dec. 25 8:30 am	Jan Nelson	Jerry Chizek Tom & Nancy Carlson Randy & Joann Waller <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Leo Ollinger Levi Ollinger	Tony Bradley Michael Waller		Tony Bradley Michael Waller	Joann Waller Michael Waller
<b>Lake City</b> Wed., Dec. 25, 10:00 am	Sara Block	Linda Iler Angie Richardson Norm & Diane Wernimont	Addison Clayton Katelyn Clayton	Mark Schrad Mel Pudenz Andrew Lauver		Bob & Sara Block	Lois Smith Marleta Smith
<b>Rockwell City</b> Sat., Dec. 28, 5:30 pm	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jennifer Taylor Glenn Wuebker Merle Wuebker	Liam Gulbranson Blair Gulbranson	<b>Need Volunteer</b> Andy Michael Miller	Rhonda Meyer	<b>Need Volunteer</b> Andy Michael Miller	Kristy Anderson Kevin Monahan
<b>Manson</b> Sun., Dec. 29, 8:30 am	Nancy Carlson	Brian & Becky Wuebker Paul Feld Mackenzie Ramthun Betty Sweet <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Max Korte Jackson Korte	Wesley Lamphier Jacob Peed	Tom Carlson	Wesley Lamphier Jacob Peed	Linda Sigler Linda Schutter
<b>Lake City</b> Sun., Dec. 29, 10:30 am	K of C #13507	K of C #13507 K of C #13507 K of C #13507	Carolyn Melody Aiden Melody	K of C #13507 K of C #13507 K of C #13507	BreAnne Melody	K of C #13507	Dee Blair Casey Wetter

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date	Manson	M Meal	Lake City	LC Snack LC Meal	LC Bus Duty	Weekend of Dec. 14/15	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1—No Class						Rockwell City	1438.00	160.00		10.00			
Jan. 8	K-7, Conf/HS	Sweet Schreier	K-5th, 6th-12th	Nicole Bixenstine Heather Parker	Mady Blair	Manson	1700.00	162.00		20.00		500.00	
						Lake City	7813.00	191.00		160.00			

## PARISH EVENTS



Welcome to the Catholic Community  
**Donald James Lauver**  
 son of Andrew & Mary Lauver - Dec. 15, 2024, at  
 St. Mary - Lake City.



Rest in Peace **Dorothy Berger** of St. Mary - Lake City

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

**Volunteers Needed:** St. Mary—Lake City will be bringing up Christmas trees and decorations from the basement after the **10:30 am Mass today.**

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 by 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 and Jan. 9. All are welcome to join.**

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 #13507 meets **Tuesday, Jan. 7, after 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary, Lake City parish hall.**



**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. **Deadline to submit applications is January 15.**

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



#### Important Upcoming Dates:

**Monday, Dec. 23—Wednesday, Dec. 24**

- Christmas Break—No school

**Thursday, Jan. 2**

- Classes Resume

### Upcoming Coffee & Rolls

**Sunday, Jan. 5,** after the 8:30am Mass, at St. Thomas in Manson. Hosted by Guild Officers.



**AND ON Sunday, Jan. 5,** after the 10:30am Mass, at St. Mary in Lake City. Hosted by the Confirmation Class.



**TOGETHER AS ONE:** Thank you for your generous response to make a pledge to Together as One. See below the shortfalls of each parish.



	Contributions	Diocesan Support Goal	Shortfall
St. Francis	\$6,189.00	\$13,099.00	\$6,910.00
St. Thomas	\$4,389.00	\$12,342.00	\$7,953.00
St. Mary	\$8,991.00	\$11,245.00	\$2,254.00

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Lake City Capri Theatre Upcoming Showing

**Dec. 20-22: A Christmas Story**

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.

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**OPEN AA MEETINGS—St. Thomas Catholic Church, Manson holds**

AA/AI-Anon meetings on **Mondays at 7 pm.**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



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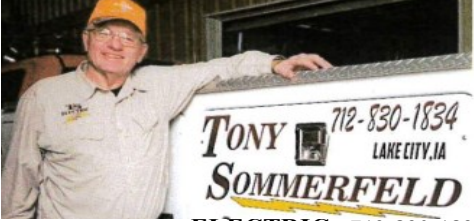
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