

Our Lady of the Plains December 29, 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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A reflection by Pope Francis to the General Audience on December 17, 2014

God chose to come into the world in a human family, which He himself formed. He formed it in a remote village on the outskirts of the Roman Empire.

Jesus dwelt on that periphery for 30 years. The Evangelist Luke summarizes this period like this: Jesus "was obedient to them" — that is, to Mary and Joseph. And someone might say: "But did this God, who comes to save us, waste 30 years there, in that suburban slum?" He wasted 30 years! He wanted this. Jesus' path was in that family — "and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man" (Lk 2:51-52). It does not recount miracles or healing, or preaching — He did none in that period — or of crowds flocking; in Nazareth everything seemed to happen "normally," according to the customs of a pious and hardworking Israelite family: they worked, the mother cooked, she did all the housework, ironed shirts... all things mothers do. The father, a carpenter, worked, taught his son the trade. Thirty years. "But what a waste, Father!" God works in mysterious ways. But what was important there was the family! And this was not a waste! They were great saints: Mary, the most holy woman, immaculate, and Joseph, a most righteous man... The family.

Each Christian family can first of all — as Mary and Joseph did — welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak with Him, guard Him, protect Him, grow with Him; and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family. And, what happened in those 30 years in Nazareth, can thus happen to us, too: in seeking to make love and not hate normal, making mutual help commonplace, not indifference ... And this is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome Jesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grandparents... Jesus is there. Welcome him there, in order that He grow spiritually in the family.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve—Tuesday, Dec. 31

4:30 pm—Rockwell City

6:00 pm—Manson

6:00 pm—Auburn



New Year's Day—Wednesday, Jan. 1

8:00 am—Lake City

8:30 am—Manson

10:00 am—Rockwell City



Thank you, God, for giving me the new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty. Help me fill it with good things—each new day filled with the joy and happiness it brings. Amen.

Parish Office New Year's Schedule: The Parish Office will be **closed** Tuesday, December 31, and 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	
Monday	Dec. 30	NO MASS		
Tuesday	Dec. 31	6:00 pm	Manson	Fr. Bob Aubrey
		4:30 pm	Rockwell City	Betty Sandvig
		6:00 pm	Auburn	People of the Parish
Wednesday	Jan. 1	8:30 am	Manson	Elmer Seifried
		10:00 am	Rockwell City	Ed & Phyllis Bird
		8:00 am	Lake City	LaVonne Konz
Thursday	Jan. 2	7:30 am	Manson	Alan "Butch" Markert
		NO MASS	Rockwell City	
Friday	Jan. 3	5:30 pm	Prison	Jeff Hammen
		7:30 am	Manson	John & Darlene Husak
Saturday	Jan. 4	8:00 am	Lake City	Living & Deceased Family Members of the Richard Clausen Family
		10:30 am	Accura Care	Gerald Delahery
		5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Jack Sandvig
Sunday	Jan. 5	8:30 am	Manson	Jack Pierick
		10:30 am	Lake City	Dorothy Berger

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., Jan. 4 5:30 pm	Peg Stoolman	Marcia Lynch Loren Wuebker Ron Hammen	Landrey Wuebker Kenley Wuebker	Lowell Stoolman Joel Wuebker	Volunteer Needed	Lowell Stoolman Joel Wuebker	Mike Powers Elaine Ridgely
Manson Sun., Jan. 5 8:30 am	Pat Schreier	Betty Sweet Laurie Barrett Randy Waller Kent & Jennifer Nolting	Chase Lamphier Christian Lamphier	Marie Kaufman Michael Waller	Joann Waller	Marie Kaufman Michael Waller	Joan Waller Linda Sigler
Lake City Sun., Jan 5 10:30 am	Kris Fields	Joe Steig Carla Morrow Luann Ludwig Deb Daniel	Makinlee Hingeley Joey Wetter	Trevor Gulbranson Brian Schrad Andrew Lauver	Kendra Davis	Melissa Buss	Casey Wetter Christine Heim



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 \$7,002; shortfall \$6,097 | **St. Thomas:** Contributions \$4,988; shortfall \$7,354 | **St. Mary:** Contributions \$10,766; shortfall \$479

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date	Manson	M Meal	Lake City	LC Snack LC Meal	LC Bus Duty
Jan. 1	No Class	—	—	—	—
Jan. 8	K-7th, Conf/HS	Sweet/Schreier	K-5th, 6th-12th	Nicole Bixenstine Joe & Heather Parker	Mady Blair
Jan. 15	K-7th, Conf/HS	Freimuth/Schoon	K-5th, 6th-12th	Maria Blair Colter & Allison Kinney	Maria Blair



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of Auburn

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of St. Thomas—Manson



Stewardship

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Weekend of Dec. 21/22	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Rockwell City	3343.00	174.75		20.00			
Manson	3145.00	189.00	2309.70	160.00		100.00	
Lake City	7325.00	137.11		905.00			

PARISH EVENTS

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.



Thank you to the St. Mary-Lake City ladies who have been so helpful with cleaning the rectory, organizing and cleaning the rectory basement, and coordinating the annual Christmas Party. Your time and commitment to our parish is greatly appreciated!

St. Mary Holy Name will meet **Thursday, Jan. 9**. Social hour at 6pm, supper at 7pm. **All men of the parish are welcome to attend.** Cooks will be Trevor Gulbranson, Kyle Gulbranson, Nick Block, and Ben Block.

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



Brew & Brotherhood will meet at 6:30 am, at St. Thomas Parish Hall on **Jan. 9**. **All are welcome to join.**

Knights of Columbus Council #14494 will host a **Free Throw Contest** at the MNW high School on **Jan. 12, 2025**. Doors open at 11:00 am, contest begins at 12:00 pm.

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.**

Thank you to all who gave gifts to Fr. Feller and Our Lady of the Plains staff this Christmas Season. We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness!

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KUEMPER NEWS:

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



Important Upcoming Date:

Thursday, Jan. 2

- Classes Resume from Christmas Break

COMMUNITY NEWS



Visit Nativity Scenes at St. Benedict Center Jan. 2 and 3 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. All are invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, Africa, Asia, South & North America & Europe. No admission fee. **For more information, visit www.StBenedictCenter.com or call 402-352-8819.**

Lake City Capri Theatre Upcoming Showing

Jan. 3-5: The Wild Robot

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.

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This week's pantry needs: Canned Potatoes and Pudding (Snack Pack or Instant) (in coordination with Lake City Food Center sale items to meet needs of the Food Pantry).

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

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

MIRACLES & SAINTS

2025 JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



**with Julie and Patrick Storr
and Fr. David Esquiliano**



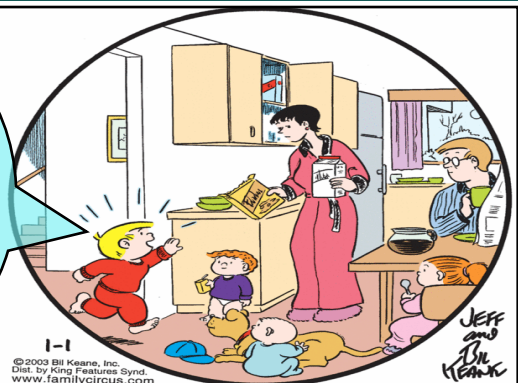
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