

# Our Lady of the Plains January 5, 2025

Churches of St. Thomas (Manson), St. Francis (Rockwell City), St. Mary (Lake 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

## Prayer Chain:

### St. Mary

—Marleta Smith: 515-370-0379  
Email: marletasmith@hotmail.com  
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### St. Thomas

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Happy New Year! Thank you for your love and generosity towards our parish communities and to me. Thank you for your support, prayers, and gifts. I hope you experienced joy and delight as you celebrated the birth of Christ with your family, friends, and parish community. I also recognize the faith and fortitude of those who experienced various struggles over the holidays, especially those mourning the absence of loved ones. Jesus, the homeless and refugeeed one, is with you. Jesus comes to walk with all of us and He invites us to follow Him a new way – His way.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). After meeting Jesus, the magi departed for their homes a new way (Matthew 2:12). They declined to live according to the "old life" of Herod's way. Herod simply wanted to kill Jesus. Rather, the magi brought their life-changing encounters with the Christ-child back to the ordinary lives. We have the same options. It is a daily decision between the old life of sin and the new life of relationship and grace.

Having a grateful heart is the first step in the right direction with Jesus. Gratitude is our acknowledgement and appreciation for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives and for the world. St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches that gratitude is our response to encountering God in the little blessings of each day. These little blessings – such as breathing, walking, having work, knowing right from wrong, having a friend – come to us from the same love that suffers, dies, and rises to offer us salvation from sin and everlasting life. Gratitude makes us more receptive to the gifts.

St. Ignatius teaches that gratitude leads to our generosity – to give from what we have received. In closing, we join St. Ignatius in prayer:

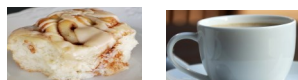
*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.*

*Fr. Brian H. Feller*

## 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

What a great time to start a new habit! In 2021, Fr. Mike Schmitz read the Bible every day for a year; next in 2023 he read the Catechism. Now in 2025, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames has begun the Rosary in a year.

You can find all three podcasts online at YouTube, podcast stores, or download the Ascension app for FREE!



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OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS  
ON THIS JOURNEY

# Quick A Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

<b>Manson</b> Thursday, 8-9 am Lake City Thursday 5-6 pm Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 27 & March 6	<b>Rockwell City</b> Monday, 7-8 pm Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24
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Jeff Cavins

## Epiphany of the Lord

### The Magi worshipped infant Jesus.

## MASS INTENTIONS

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	
Monday	Jan. 6	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	Jan. 7	7:30 am	Manson	Norman & Mary Ann Schreier
		<b>NO MASS</b>	Rockwell City	
Wednesday	Jan. 8	5:30 pm	Lake City	Randy Schaffer
		7:30 am	Manson	Lloyd Schreier
Thursday	Jan. 9	8:00 am	Rockwell City	Dale, Cory & Kevin Wagner
		7:30 am	Manson	In Gratitude & Thanksgiving
Friday	Jan. 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	Rockwell City	
		5:30 pm	Prison	James O'Mara
Saturday	Jan. 11	7:30 am	Manson	All Souls Intentions for the Faithfully Departed
		8:00 am	Lake City	Velma Nieland
		10:30 am	Accura Care	Fran Nutter
Sunday	Jan. 12	5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Sheryl Kleemeier Lawman
		8:30 am	Manson	Michael R. Lenz & People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lake City	Friends & Family of Randy Schaffer

### 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
<b>Rockwell City</b> Sat., Jan. 11 5:30 pm	Merle Wuebker	Ron Hammen Glenn Wuebker Jennifer Taylor	Bryce Roby Sophie Smith	Andy Melody Kevin Monahan	Michelle Dischler	Andy Melody Kevin Monahan	Linda Rokes Joel Wuebker
<b>Manson</b> Sun., Jan. 12 8:30 am	Anne Condon	Tom & Nancy Carlson Joann Waller Mackenzie Ramthun Paul Feld	Leo Ollinger Levi Ollinger	Randy Waller Jerry Chizek	Nancy Carlson	Randy Waller Jerry Chizek	Pamela Chizek Michael Waller
<b>Lake City</b> Sun., Jan 12 10:30 am	Elysia Smith	Diane Wernimont Larry & Violet Schleisman Richard Vanderheiden	Kaleb Vote Kinley Vote	Norm Wernimont Roger McKinney Mark Schrad	Jacqueline Vote	Mary Sporleder	Lois Smith Dee Blair



**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. 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
Jan. 22	K-7th, Conf/HS	Lamphier	K-5th, 6th-12th	Maria Blair Casey & Tracey Wetter	Maria Blair



**Debra Schreier**  
 of  
**St. Thomas, Manson**



### Stewardship

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

Dec. 25 & Weekend of Dec. 28/29	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Rockwell City	8,313.00	476.00		284.00			
Manson	7,597.00	780.00		1,004.00			
Lake City	23,328.00	1,015.50		105.00	459.00		

## PARISH EVENTS

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



**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.

**Brew & Brotherhood** will meet at 6:30 am, at St. Thomas Parish Hall on **Jan. 9 & 23.** **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.

**WinGS** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6pm, 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.**

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

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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, Jan. 6: FAFSA Completion Night @ DMACC, (4-8 pm)
- Wednesday, Jan. 8: 7-12 Mass (2:15 pm)
- Friday, Jan. 10:
  - Finance Committee Meeting (12:00 pm)
  - Benediction for 7-12 (2:45 pm)
  - KnightCrawl at half-time of the women's basketball game
  - Alumni Pep Band during the boy's varsity basketball game



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### 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.

**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

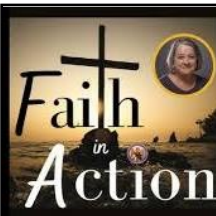


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**This week's pantry needs: Peanut Butter and Jelly** (in coordination with Lake City Food Center sale items to meet needs of the Food Pantry).

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

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



Tune into Faith in Action at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, on Channel 88.1FM. Host Joanne Fox features the incredible outreach of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which builds and delivers beds for kids ages 3-17. This program replays at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Faith in Action is brought to you by Mary's Choice, a Sioux City Pregnancy Resource Center. Previous Faith in Action

programs can be found at [siouxlandcatholicradio.com](http://siouxlandcatholicradio.com), on YouTube, and on several other podcasting platforms.

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