

Our Lady of the Plains January 12, 2025

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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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I have some random thoughts to share this week:

We continue to inch towards the corporate merger of our parish communities from three sets of accounting books to just one set of books. This unification of our bookkeeping system will not happen until July 1, 2025. This is why we still ask that checks to the parish be made out to St. Francis – Rockwell City, St. Mary – Lake City, or St. Thomas – Manson. This also is why we have three individual "Together as One" diocesan annual appeal goals. I am grateful for Sara and Ann for managing the offertory and the bookkeeping!

As we move towards the long part of winter, the cold, darkness, and staying inside can become irksome. Some feel more isolated by having to stay home because of weather. I want to encourage our parishioners to reach out to one another, especially the homebound. Whether it is FaceTime, phone calls, in-person visiting, let's support one another. Please connect with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers who come to mind after you ask the Holy Spirit who to reach out and support.

I just want to keep you informed, the appeal process for the relegation of St. Mary church in Pomeroy concluded in favor of overturning the relegation. This means that the building is still a church. I am considering what this means for our parish communities and what comes next.

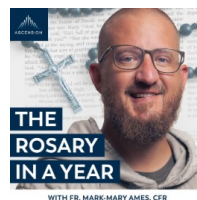
Maria and I will be leading an effort to increase the effective communication happening throughout our parish communities. If you have suggestions on parish communications, please let me know by calling the office or emailing me! I am grateful for those who will be helping us with their feedback! I am especially grateful for Maria's leadership.

I am so happy that Sandra is leading the *Quick Journey Through the Bible* in our parish. Often Catholics feel uncomfortable reading the Bible. This Bible Study offers you a reason to feel confident with opening the Bible and making it a daily part of your discipleship.

Fr. Brian F. Feller

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!



All IRA distribution checks need to be sent directly to the parish office at St. Mary in Lake City. Please do not put these in the collection basket.
Thank you!

Anyone who donated poinsettias at St. Mary - Lake City may pick up and take home after this Sunday's Mass.

Happening Now!

JOIN US AT
OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS
ON THIS JOURNEY

Quick A Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Manson
Thursday, 8-9 am
Lake City
Thursday 5-6 pm
Jan 16, 23, 30,
Feb 6, 13, 27 & March 6

Rockwell City
Monday, 7-8 pm
Jan 13, 20, 27,
Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24

Jeff Cavins

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 \$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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	
Monday	Jan. 13	NO MASS		
Tuesday	Jan. 14	7:30 am	Manson	In Gratitude & Thanksgiving
		NO MASS	Rockwell City	
		5:30 pm	Lake City	Beth Vanderheiden
Wednesday	Jan. 15	7:30 am	Manson	Special Intention
		8:00 am	Rockwell City	Sister Mary Dennis and Pat Hobart
		4:00 pm	Lake City	Arlo & Donita Schrad
Thursday	Jan. 16	7:30 am	Manson	Alan "Butch" Markert
		NO MASS	Rockwell City	
		5:30 pm	Prison	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit/Favorable Weather
Friday	Jan. 17	7:30 am	Manson	Maurice Alig
		8:00 am	Lake City	Mike Lenz
		10:30 am	Accura Care	Dale & Janice Tasler
Saturday	Jan. 18	5:30 pm	Rockwell City	Keevan & Marcella Hammen & Family
Sunday	Jan. 19	8:30 am	Manson	Fr. Bob Aubrey and People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lake City	Chelsey Henkenius

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. 18 5:30 pm	Marvin Wuebker	Merle Wuebker Karen Anderson Rosann Hansen	Kaylee Hicks Volunteer Needed	Maureen Hobart Andy Miller	Michelle Dischler	Maureen Hobart Andy Miller	Stacey Johnson Kristy Anderson
Manson Sun., Jan. 19 8:30 am	Randall Besch	Kent & Jennifer Nolting Tim & Deb Troshynski Mike Barrett	Elliott Droste Christian Lamphier	Tony Bradley Jacob Peed	Sheila Bradley	Tony Bradley Jacob Peed	Betty Sweet Laurie Barrett
Lake City Sun., Jan 19 10:30 am	Linda Iler	Angela Richardson Luanne Redenius Chris Heim Jodi Henkenius	Nicholas Wernimont Joey Wetter	Gary Redenius Dean Heim Jim Henkenius	Casey Wetter	Kathy Daiker	Beth McCarter Marleta 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.

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

Holy Land Olive Art will be available for purchase before and after each mass on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Sunday, Jan. 19. All items are hand carved olive wood by the Catholic and Christian families in the Holyland. For more information, please visit www.holylandoliveart.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date	Manson	M Meal	Lake City	LC Snack LC Meal	LC Bus Duty
Jan. 15	K-7th, Conf/HS	Freimuth/Schoon	K-5th, 6th-12th 4pm Mass	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
Jan. 29	K-7th, Conf/HS	Ramthun/Ollinger	K-5th, 6th-12th	Kristina Wiederin Chris Heim & Pat Higgins	Kennebeck

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.

Dec 31/Jan. 1 & Weekend of Jan. 4/5	Adult	Loose	Grain	Special Collection	St. Joe Lohrville	St. Mary Pomeroy	St. Mary Auburn
Rockwell City	3482.00	403.42					
Manson	3744.00	125.00		65.00		100.00	
Lake City	3383.00	219.00		20.00			610.00

PARISH EVENTS

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.

St. Thomas Women's Guild will have a meeting after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 19th. Coffee and rolls will be provided for those who attend the meeting.



Knights of Columbus #14494 will meet on Tues., Jan. 21, after the 6:15 pm Mass at St. Thomas in Manson.

Brew & Brotherhood will meet at 6:30 am, at St. Thomas Parish Hall on **Jan. 23**. All are welcome to join.

Join **Fr. Feller** for video and discussion on the scourge of Human Trafficking in Iowa: **Friday, Jan. 24 at 12pm at St. Mary—Lake City and Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8:30am at St. Thomas—Manson**. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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

The **St. Thomas Women's Guild Officers** are working on the new **Women's Guild books for 2025**. All chairpersons need to check the information for your group and report any changes to Betty Sweet.

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KUEMPER NEWS:

Part-time custodians, substitute teachers, substitute secretaries, substitute nurses (RN required) needed.
To complete an application: kuemper.org/employment-opportunities.



Important Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 13

- No School—Teacher Professional Development Wed, Jan. 15
- Junior Class Retreat
- Marketing Committee Meeting (12:00 pm)
- Booster Club Meeting (5:30 pm)
- PS—6th Grade Parent Club (5:30 pm)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woodlawn Soup Supper Thursday, January 16, 4:30 pm -6:30 pm
Chicken Noodle, Chili, or Ham & Bean Soup, Sandwiches & Pie.
Dine-In, Carry-Out, or Delivery in Lake City is available. Freewill donation!

Join Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fort Dodge for The Feast of The Epiphany on Sat., January 11, at 7:00 pm. An Epiphany Party will follow in the Narthex. This service follows a traditional pattern of readings, prayer, choral anthems, and hymns. Our twelve-day celebration of Christmas is followed by immediately by The Feast of the Epiphany, a more ancient feast. All are welcome!

Lake City Capri Theatre Upcoming Showing

Jan. 10-12: HERE

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

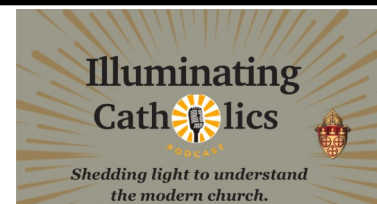


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This week's pantry needs: Taco Shells and Flour Tortillas (in coordination with Lake City Food Center sale items to meet needs of the Food Pantry).

Now available!

Podcast co-hosts Dawn Prosser and Karmen Bower interview guests Fr. Shane Deman and Fr. Travis Crotty of the vocations office and Outcast Catholic podcast hosts address vocations myths.



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

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

Save the Date for the **Lake City Bridal Bash** on Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm at the Lake City Community Memorial Building. Discover local products and services from top quality vendors in our area, win door prizes, and enter giveaways!

LAKE CITY BRIDAL BASH

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A series of events exploring our role in Christian Initiation

Confused about the various steps and rituals of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)? Want to know more about why and how we celebrate OCIA and the meaning behind it? Join us as the diocesan offices of Faith Formation and Worship provide regional trainings from 5 to 8 pm on January 21, 2025, at St. John Paul II in Carroll. Dinner will be provided for participants as we dive into these liturgical rites that spring from the very heart of the Church's mission, which is to bring people to Christ and join them to his Church. Please register beforehand on the diocesan website: <https://www.scdioocese.org/ocia>

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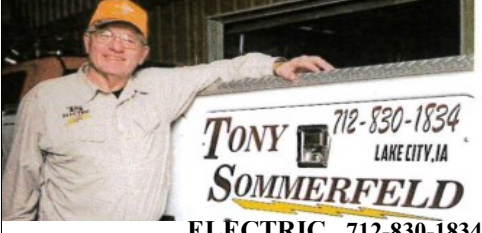
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