



Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

P A R I S H C O L L A B O R A T I V E

JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community

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*Reaching up to God,
reaching out to one another,
through prayer, service and friendship.*

Mass Times at Our Lady:

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm
30 minutes before weekday Mass

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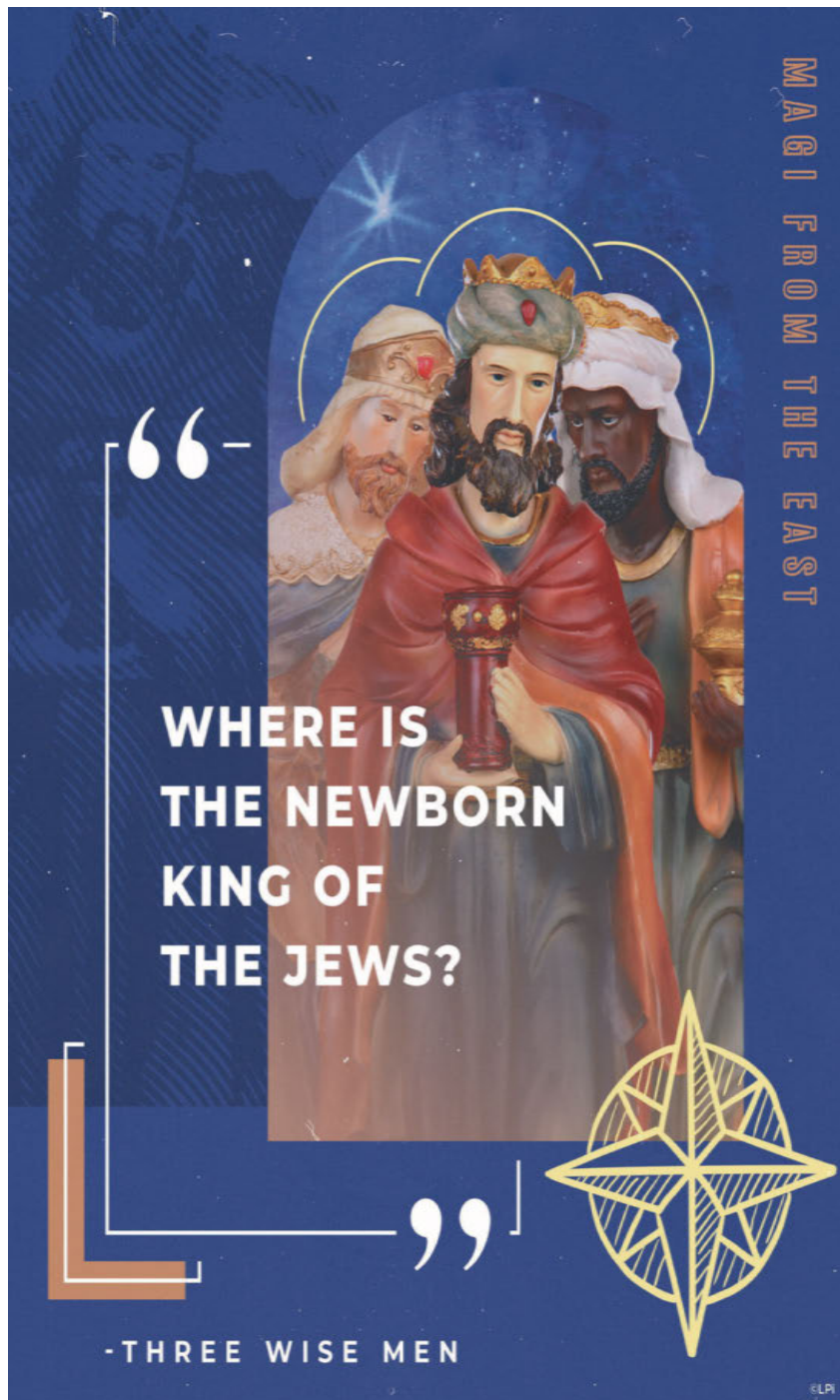
Parish Office: 269-445-3000

Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Adoration and Confession: Tues. 9 am

Rosary: Tues. 10 am



Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Bulletin Deadline for both Parishes: 9 am on Monday | submit to cantos2@comcast.net

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which

symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

God who stands with us in our human joy and pain, guide our actions in this new year, 2024. Help us to recognize the gifts you have given us; give us courage to live your Good News in our world as stewards of those gifts. May our hands bear your mercy and our hearts your compassion to all whose lives need your presence and love. This we ask through Jesus, our mercy and compassion, with the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General’s investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General’s office at (844) 324-3374. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



SACS HELPS VETERANS
St. Ann Christian Service (SACS) has made a donation of 200 American flags to HOVER. The HOVER program supports veterans who are patients at St. Joe hospital. One of the many things the volunteers do when visiting the veteran patients is to present them with a small flag to be placed at their bedside. The flag offers the opportunity for hospital staff to acknowledge the veterans’ service. Thank you for supporting this outreach through your donations.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6
4:30 pm | Jim Deka
Sunday, January 7
8:00 am | David Barany
11:00 am | John Davis
Monday, January 8
9:30 am | Special Intention
Wednesday, January 10
9:30 am |
Friday, January 12
9:30 am |
Saturday, January 13
4:30 pm | For the Parish
Sunday, January 14
8:00 am | Richard DeSchepper
11:00 am | For the Parish

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Marilyn Cobb, Ryan Clark, Dale Deditch, Lenni DeCraene, Dorothy Derringer, Maryann Dobransky, Ed Drone, Bob & Eva Jenkins, Bobbie Klimek, Theresa Miller, Frank Napowocki, Debra Swiental, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!



OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	
Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$6,400.00
Collection for December 24	\$5,950.63
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$166,400.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$156,335.88
https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1	
100-Year \$100,000 Campaign	\$42,243.66

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, January 6
3:30 pm Confession
Sunday, January 7
Donuts, Coffee and Conversation
9:00 am Un-Decorate Social Hall
Noon Un-Decorate Church
Monday, January 8
9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Tuesday, January 9
NOON EFP Leadership Meeting
Wednesday, January 10
9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Friday, January 12
9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Saturday, January 13
3:30 pm Confession
Sunday, January 14
Donuts, Coffee and Conversation
9:45 am Religious Education
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



There are openings on the calendar for Mass intentions for weekday Masses in January at Our Lady (269-699-5870) and St. Ann (269-445-3000). Let us pray for your loved one.

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 7
9:30 am | Betty Biek
Tuesday, January 9
9:30 am |
Sunday, January 14
9:30 am | Dale Williams

This Week at St. Ann

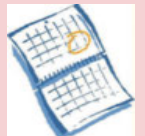
Sunday, January 7
9:30 am Rel. Ed Mass and Class
10:30 am Breakfast
Tuesday, January 9
9:00 am Adoration/Confession
10:00 am Pack-A-Backpack

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mary Fenech, Mary Fosdick, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Gene Karnes, Michael Lasiewicz, Monica (Mickie) Miller, Carla Novotny, John Palmer, Vance Stratton, Betty Van Lue, Margaret (Peggy) Wilds and all those in our prayer intention book!

2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Be sure to take home your 2024 Calendar. Again this year the calendars are being made available through the generosity of *Mayhew Funeral Home* for Edwardsburg and *Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funeral Home* for Cassopolis.



ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	
Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$2,330.00
Collection for December 24	\$1,252.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$60,580.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$61,666.00
Give online at: stanncass.com	



PARISH MEMORIES

Our Lady Parishioner from the 1950's Becomes Nun

I, Sister Judith Ann Turnock, OLVM, grew up at Camp Wildwood, Juno Lake and have a younger brother and sister. My family was a member of Our Lady of the Lake parish, with my time there from 1947 to 1960. I attended Edwardsburg Public Schools grades 2 through 12. I remember we were a mission church of St. Mary's in Niles so we went there to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At Our Lady, I enjoyed singing in the choir. Because I played the piano, they called on me to fill in for the organist several times, which I was glad to do. I am grateful to the parish and parishioners who nurtured my faith through all the years and through Mary. Growing up at the lake, I loved the dedication of our parish to Our Lady of the Lake.

In high school, I asked the pastor, Father Elmer Wieber, what group of Catholic Sisters he would recommend for me to join. He suggested the Victory Noll Sisters of Huntington, Indiana and the Dominicans in Chicago. He and his priest brother were going to their Sister Esther Wieber's profession of vows on August 5, 1960, in Huntington. He asked if I wanted to go. "Yes." They flew Mom and me in their four-seater plane. Then I went on my own to check out the Sisters. I felt such joy and peace in being with them and liked their work of home visiting and religious education. I did not feel called to be a Sister teaching in Catholic schools.

After high school, I joined the Victory Noll Sisters. Throughout my life, God has been doing something new in me (Isaiah 43:19) in the various ways God calls me to love and serve and let others know they are loved - welcoming, working with others, being centered in prayer and community. I was in religious education then switched to pastoral care ministry, working at Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne and then as a hospice chaplain in San Bernardino, California.



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TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

JANUARY 7

After the 9 am Mass at Our Lady on Sunday, January 7th, parishioners are needed to help take down the Social Hall tree. After the 11 am Mass, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations and the trees in the church. Assistance would be greatly appreciated!!



Christmas Concert at St. Pius X Granger Jan. 7 - 2:30 pm

St. Pius X Music Ministry will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany with a concert on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 2:30 pm in the church, 52553 Fir Rd. Featured choirs include: Children's Choir, Middle School Choir, Sunday Morning and Evening Adult Choirs, Adult and Youth Handbell Choirs and Instrumentalists. The concert is free.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON LAKE ST. IN EDWARDSBURG SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Please call The Presbyterian Church at 663-6815 if you plan on submitting a chili for the cook-off. If you plan on eating, no advanced tickets are needed. A free-will offering will be accepted for the Edwardsburg Food Pantry.



POINSETTIAS NEED A NEW HOME

After the 4:30 pm and 8 am Mass at Our Lady on Jan.

6/7, parish members are welcome to take home the poinsettia plants located in the Narthex and the church's window sills. After 11:00 am Mass, all remaining flowers are welcome to be taken home.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. ANN TUESDAY 10:00 AM

The Pack-A-Backpack Program is assisting 50 students from Sam Adams Elementary School with nourishing food for the weekends. St. Ann needs volunteers to pack the food bags after the 9:30 am Mass on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 am.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed this year on January 7th. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated this year on January 8th.



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