



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

APRIL 21, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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:

9:30 am - Mon - Wed - Fri

6:30 pm - Tuesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm

30 minutes before weekday Mass

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Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Adoration and Confession: Tues. 9 am

Rosary: Tues. 10 am



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down
my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17*

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Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

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

FR. RAJ SHARES

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Greetings of the seasons from Fr. Raj.

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." It is also known as the Sunday of prayer for vocations. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us about His own true nature as one who cares for us like a true shepherd. He also assures us that He knows us by name and in His presence we can feel comforted. As a shepherd He calls us by name, but paradoxically in this modern world when we are confronted by different voices assuring us the happiness of the world, can we still hear the voice of the Master, the Good Shepherd who assures us of eternal happiness.

In the journey of life we do face lots of challenges of uncertainties, pains, and brokenness. At times we are addicted to different habits, yet we have always a place to look up to the bosom of our Good Shepherd in whose presence we feel consoled. He can also bind our brokenness and heal our wounds. Let us keep our ears open to the calling of our God who will take us to the refreshing pastures.

Please keep in prayer all of our students who will be receiving the Sacraments during the Month of April. 1st Communion will take place at Our Lady on April 21st at the 11 am Mass. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral in Kalamazoo on April 27th at 10 am. All are invited to witness our young people receive these Sacraments and I hope that you will pray for them to be nurtured in their faith and embrace Jesus as their loving Lord and Savior.

Last weekend as we began the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we were given yet another opportunity to be Christ-like in our generosity and compassion; to reach out to the needy persons locally and globally. As Jesus heals our brokenness, we can be the healers of those broken people with different needs. So once again I personally appeal to you to be generous in your contribution to this greater mission of the church. My prayer for you always is that God bless you with abundance.

Thanking you all in anticipation for your generosity and praying for you, I remain,

Fr. Raj MSFS



**TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH
Tuesday, May 7 5:45 pm at
Our Lady's Social Hall**

The Church - Part One

Where have we come from and how does the Catholic Church stay consistent?

Come learn more on Tuesday, May 7 at 5:45 pm in the Social Hall at the monthly Adult Education Series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

OUR LADY BLOOD DRIVE

Mon., April 22 1:00 - 6:45 pm

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**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION WEEK
April 21-27, 2024**

We truly value our many parishioners who serve in our various parish organizations, ministries and volunteer in other capacities. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share, we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ at our parishes. Many thanks to our faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parishes! Your time and talent is worth everything to us.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 20
 4:30 pm | Leo & Betty Niedbala
Sunday, April 21
 8:00 am | Dick Murphy
 11:00 am | 1st Communicants and Families
Monday, April 22
 9:30 am |
Tuesday, April 23
 6:30 pm |
Wednesday, April 24
 9:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 26
 9:30 am | Bob Harvey
Saturday, April 27
 4:30 pm | Dick Murphy
Sunday, April 28
 8:00 am |
 11:00 am | Bonnie Drury

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Joyce Ackerson, Vicenta Baker, Marilyn Cobb, Ryan Clark, Dale Deditch, Lenni DeCraene, Maryann Dobransky, Ed Drone, Bob and Eva Jenkins, Pat LaBre, Roy Moore, Debra Swiental, Gail Vogel, *and all those in our prayer intention book!*



PANTRY NEEDS:
 Shampoo
 Body Wash
 Toilet Paper

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
 Budgeted Weekly Amount\$6,400.00
 Collection for April 14\$5,696.75
 Budgeted Weekly YTD\$262,400.00
 Total Actual Year To Date\$246,840.21
<https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1>
100-Year \$100,000 Campaign
\$51,331.66
Collection for Easter
\$6,433.00


This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, April 20
 3:30 pm Confession
 6:00 pm Family Trivia
Sunday, April 21
 Donuts, Coffee & Conversation
 Noon 1st Communion Reception
Monday, April 22
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Tuesday, April 23
 6:00 pm Rosary
Wednesday, April 24
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Friday, April 26
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession
Saturday, April 27
 10:00 am Confirmation at Cathedral
 3:30 pm Confession
Sunday, April 28
 Donuts, Coffee & Conversation
 9:45 am Religious Education

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS AND REFRESHMENTS



St. Ann Parish
 Community enjoys celebrating birthdays! During Mass on April 28th, Fr. Raj will honor all those who celebrate a birthday in April by asking them to stand for a special blessing. After Mass, be sure to stay for refreshments which will include cake for everyone to enjoy. You can also add your name to the birthday board located in the Fellowship Hall.



The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love.
St. Thomas Aquinas

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21
 9:30 am | Dale Williams
Tuesday, April 23
 9:30 am |
Sunday, April 28
 9:30 am | Patricia McCourt

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, April 21
 9:30 am RE Mass and Class
Monday, April 22
 7:00 pm Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 23
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession
 10:00 am Rosary
Sunday, April 28
 After Mass Birthday Celebrations

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mary Fosdick, Frank Kalina, Jacky Kelly, Paula Kelly, Bruce and Sharon Lund, Carla Novotny, John Palmer, Carol Squier *and all those in our prayer intention book!*



St. Ann Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
If you have volunteered any amount of your time or talent at St. Ann, then we would like you (and your spouse) to come and share in this celebration.
Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 pm
Sign up at the information table

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
 Budgeted Weekly Amount\$2,330.00
 Collection for April 14\$1,973.00
 Budgeted Weekly YTD\$95,530.00
 Total Actual Year To Date\$96,399.00
 Give online at: stannmass.com
Collection for Easter
\$3,965.00

Our Lady of the Lake finances, the full picture...



Everyone knows how hard it is to get a true picture of something by only seeing one piece of a puzzle. When I took on the role of 'Finance Officer. I had no idea of how many components made up the finances of any given church. The weekly offering collection which is reported in our bulletin is only one gauge, or one puzzle piece, of many which, when combined, provide the complete picture of our financial health. Other puzzle pieces include items such as Special Donations and Bequests, Memorials, Mass Intentions, Coffee and Donut donations, and many, many others. Even though this complete picture is provided to you every year in October, I wanted to take this moment to give you a preview of some of the wonderful accomplishments our church has been able to do even in these very difficult financial times.

- Exceeded last year's Bishop's Appeal - anything above and beyond comes back to our parish.
- Our investments have earned more than double what they earned one year ago (at this point in time).
- In only a few short months, Our Lady has met 52% of our aggressive Capital Campaign goal to cover over \$96K worth of repairs and maintenance this year for our aging buildings. These generous donations allow us to use our normal contributions for regular daily expenses.
- If you were to remove the above mentioned capital expenditures (and campaign collections) from the picture, Our Lady is actually in better shape at this point than we were one year ago. As of 3/31/2024, we would be \$18,112.26 in the positive compared to \$12,467.52 last year.

Overall, I am very happy and excited to be a member of this vibrant and generous group of people who all appreciate true Christian values and the love of community and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Even though small parishes face financial struggles unique to us compared to larger parishes, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else than where I am, right here!

Our Lady of the Lake and St. Ann Parish Finance Office,
Barbara Klump



**BACKPACK PROGRAM
THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who came together at St. Ann to help pack over 150 bags of food for the Pack-A-Backpack Food Program. With 16 pairs of hands we were able to pack the bags in just 30 minutes! This program

provides 50 students with food over the weekend. It was nice to be able to gather in this way to offer our support to those within our community who need a little help and hope. Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORIES

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE & ST. ANN

We are so grateful to the diocese for the spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable services that it offers. No individual parish could ever offer all these services on their own. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is an opportunity for parishioners and frequent visitors to show their gratitude for all these services provided by the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

This year's parish goal for Our Lady of the Lake is \$68,435. For St. Ann, this year's goal is \$24,802.

Please complete and return the pledge card as soon as you receive it. Place the donation into the collection basket or place it in the mail.

We are confident that both parishes can reach their respective goals. Your gift or pledge could be the one that puts us over our goal. And, remember... any surplus amount over the parish goal remains in the parish for its own use.



LIVING FAITH AVAILABLE AT ST. ANN

Living Faith is celebrating 40 years of daily devotions; it

provides brief daily Catholic devotions based on the Mass readings of the day. Timely and easy to use, *Living Faith* has become a cherished part of the daily prayer life of so many. We thank the Daughters of St. Ann for providing copies of the *Living Faith* for many years now. There are still a few copies of the April-June 2024 issue at the information tables.

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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
100-Year Closing Mass will take place on June 16 at the 11:00 am Mass. Bishop Lohse will celebrate Mass with us. You are all invited so mark your calendars now!



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

This Mother's Day, give the gift of prayer to all the extraordinary women who have cared for you as devoted mothers, by enrolling them in the Mother's Day Novena. To have your mother, or a loved one, entered on the list of those we pray for, please fill out the Mother's Day Novena prayer envelope. The prayer envelopes can be found at all church entrances at either Our Lady or St. Ann Parishes. A special Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance envelope was also included in your April church envelope packet through the mail. Be sure to submit names by May 5th so that your loved one can be prayed for beginning on Mother's Day weekend May 12th. A total of 9 Masses will be said in the collaborative of Our Lady and St. Ann for this Novena.

Confirmation Class
CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL
10:00 AM MASS - APRIL 27
Bishop Lohse will Confirm 7 of our students at the St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo on Saturday, April 27th at 10 am. All are invited to attend this special solemn liturgy of Confirmation.
Please keep our Confirmation candidates in prayer:
Nathaniel Baker Nolan Cultice Maclean Hoover
Onna Letter Bryce Linton Annika Lord
Stephen Wickens
We thank our catechist Lori Richards for sharing her faith and time with the class!





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