



# 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 28, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## ***Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community***

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**Rectory and Parish Office:**  
269-699-5870

*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

## ***St. Ann Parish Community***

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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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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**Bulletin Deadline for both Parishes:** 9 am on Monday | submit to [cantos2@comcast.net](mailto:cantos2@comcast.net)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 5th Sunday of Easter

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the

branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day-to-day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

— **Stewardship Reflections**  
**by Catholic Stewardship**  
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### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

**Names due May 5**

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.

### ALL MEN WELCOME



Calling all Catholic men from St. Ann Parish and Our Lady of the Lake! The Knights of Columbus, a service organization built on faith and fellowship, extends a warm invitation to join. For over 130 years, we've served our Church and community through charity, unity, brotherhood, and patriotism. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), scan the QR Code or contact Dennis Traxler, [dennis.traxler@comcast.net](mailto:dennis.traxler@comcast.net). We look forward to hearing from you!



### CONFIRMATION CORRECTION

James Wickens will be making his Confirmation on April 27 at the Cathedral not Stephen. My apologies to the family.

## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 27**  
 4:30 pm | Dick Murphy  
**Sunday, April 28**  
 8:00 am | For the Parish  
 11:00 am | Bonnie Drury  
**Monday, April 29**  
 9:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
 6:30 pm |  
**Wednesday, May 1**  
 9:30 am |  
**Friday, May 3**  
 9:30 am | 1st Friday Memorial List  
**Saturday, May 4**  
 4:30 pm | For the Parish  
**Sunday, May 5**  
 8:00 am |  
 11:00 am | John Davis

### 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!*

### Our Lady's Bishop's Appeal

Goal \$68,435

43 families have pledged

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## OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount	
Collection for April 21	\$6,400.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$5,221.93
	\$268,800.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$252,062.14

<https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1>

100-Year \$100,000 Campaign

\$51,331.66

### *This Week at Our Lady*

**Saturday, April 27**  
 10:00 am Confirmation at Cathedral  
 3:30 pm Confession  
**Sunday, April 28**  
 Donuts, Coffee & Conversation  
 9:45 am Religious Education  
**Monday, April 29**  
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
 6:00 pm Rosary  
**Wednesday, May 1**  
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession  
**Friday, May 3**  
 8:30 am Holy Hour and Benediction  
**Saturday, May 4**  
 3:30 pm Confession  
**Sunday, May 5**  
 Donuts, Coffee & Conversation  
 9:45 am Religious Education  
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

### HONORING MARY THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY

**Wed. May 1st 9:30 am**

**Sun. May 5 10:55 am**

Early in May we will have a special event at two Masses to honor Mary in our traditional month of expressing our devotion to her. **Wed., May 1st at the 9:30 am Mass**, WOOL will crown the statue of Mary in the church with a wreath of flowers. On **Sunday, May 5th**, the Religious Education students will come in procession with flowers to place at the feet of Our Blessed Mother. The procession will begin at **10:55 am** and will be accompanied with the singing of our beloved Marian hymn, "Immaculate Mary." All are invited to come and enjoy this special event.



## ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 28**  
 9:30 am | Patricia McCourt  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
 9:30 am |  
**Sunday, May 5**  
 9:30 am |

### *This Week at St. Ann*

**Sunday, April 28**  
 After Mass Birthday Celebrations  
**Monday, April 29**  
 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
 9:00 am Adoration/Confession  
 10:00 am Rosary  
**Thursday, May 2**  
 10:00 am Daughters Meeting  
**Sunday, May 5**  
 9:30 am RE Mass and Class  
 5:00 pm Appreciation Dinner

### 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 FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount	
Collection for April 21	\$2,330.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$1,376.00
	\$97,860.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$97,775.00

Give online at: [stanncass.com](http://stanncass.com)

**Bishop Appeal report next week**



### TRIVIA SUCCESS!

It was a great evening with friends and family as we played Trivia. Congratulations to Flower Power and G & G who won the Trivia game. We appreciate them donating their winnings back to the 100-Year Celebration Fund.

**OUR LADY SPRING  
CLEAN-UP  
SAT. MAY 18  
Time: 9 am - Noon**

**COME ONE AND COME  
ALL!**

**COME FOR  
ONE HOUR  
OR TWO**



Many hands are needed to help beautify the grounds at Our Lady. Bring your gloves and pruners and help weed the planters and plant the flowers.

**2024 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
Thursday, May 2nd Noon - 1:00 pm**

*Join the program at the Battel Community Center Auditorium  
904 Main St. Mishawaka  
Or listen to the live broadcast on WUBS 89.7 FM Radio*

### 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](https://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.

### BISHOP LOHSE NEWS CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE

Bishop Lohse held a news conference (<https://www.diokzoo.org/protect>) to state that the Diocese of Kalamazoo is updating its policies for protecting children against abuse. The first step has taken place by listing names of those individuals disqualified from working with children or youth. (<https://www.diokzoo.org/list>.) Survivors of abuse can call a 24-hour crisis hotline available through Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.

## PARISH DIRECTORIES

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

#### Parish Office Hours

Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri.  
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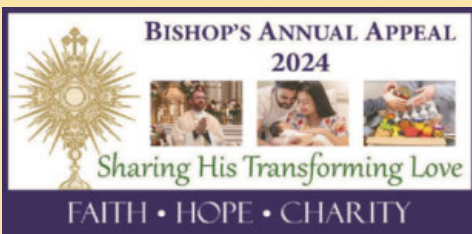
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Mike Petersen



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**OUR LADY - \$68,435  
ST. ANN - \$24,802**

**In giving...we receive.**

During their life-long ministry, our priests accompany us on our faith journey. They baptize our babies, confirm our children, marry us, anoint us when we're sick and heal us in the confessional. In each of these sacramental moments they bring the love of Jesus to those they shepherd. Your investment in the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an investment in the sacramental life of the Church. Your gift supports the formation and education of our seminarians who, God willing, will be our future shepherds.

With everyone's generosity, we can work together to achieve our parish goals. Remember, any surplus amount over our parish goal remains in the parish. Turn your pledge cards in this week or go to

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**St. Ann's Birthday Blessings**

**April 28**



Birthday Blessing at Mass  
Birthday Cake, Coffee and Fellowship to follow Mass



**PACK THE PANTRY IN CASSOPOLIS**

St. Ann Parish has an on-going food drive for Helping Hands of Cass County. Baskets for food donations are provided in the vestibule near the main entrance

and side door that leads to the parking lot. At this time we have been asked to assist by collecting the following items:

- |                      |                          |               |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Canned fruit</b>  | <b>Family-size juice</b> | <b>Cereal</b> |
| <b>Peanut butter</b> | <b>Pancake mix</b>       | <b>Syrup</b>  |

The pantry could also use reusable bags with handles. Thank you for any assistance you can provide to help those in our community.

**DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANN MEETING**



**May 2nd 10:00 am**

Come join other women from St. Ann Parish as they gather as friends to discuss the upcoming spring and summer events. This hour meeting begins with prayer and is a great way to build friendships and become active in the parish. All Women are welcome to attend.

**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.



*Congratulations to our students who made their First Communion last Sunday. May God Bless you on your Spiritual Journey!*



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