



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

February 26, 2023 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekday Mass



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FR. RAJ SHARES

Dear Loving Parishioners,

We have just begun another season of Lent by marking ourselves with the ashes on our foreheads, reminding ourselves that we are dust and to dust we shall return. This season is unique: in all the other seasons we look outside for something and in this season we look inside ourselves for something. Most of us are drivers. When we drive we come across the traffic lights which tell us to stop, look and proceed. So also, in this season of Lent we are called to stop for a while from our busy lives of waywardness and look into the inner beings of our brokenness in terms of love of God and love of neighbor, then proceed with new hope and expectation to enjoy God's love in the future.

The journey through Lent, with fasting and penance, is hard when we do it alone. But if we are with Jesus we will feel the comfort of our journey with His presence for these 40 days.

In the first week of Lent we are taken to the desert together with Jesus to experience the desert moments of our lives where we feel the dryness in our spiritual growth and are drawn by the devil at times to be tempted with our weaknesses of addictions of different natures. When we are

caught up at the crossroads of good and evil, do we succumb to the devilish attraction of the world or do we fall to the loving bosom of God in whose hands we experience the tender loving care?

The primary focus of Lent is fasting, prayers and almsgiving. These triangular Lenten observances help us to mortify ourselves through fasting, to love God in prayer, and to reach out to our neighbors in charity. These three are the main pillars of our Christian life.

Speaking of fasting, Pope Francis gives us these practical ways to do so:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and have trust in God

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Wishing you all a happy Lent and God's blessing,

Fr. Raj MSFS



TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday, March 7 5:45 pm at Our Lady's Social Hall

Are human beings mere products of evolution?

What makes us humans unique?

How is the creation of man different than anything else which God has made?

Let's find out and talk about it on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. in the Social Hall at the monthly Adult Education Series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

It takes just six minutes a day to read, pray and meditate.

Enjoy spending this quiet time with the Lord during this, one of the holiest of seasons. The booklets are in baskets near the church entrances.

LENTEN HYGIENE DRIVE

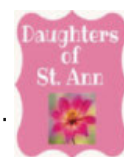
The Annual Hygiene Drive is now taking place and the Our Lady Religious Education students are asking parishioners to support them in their Annual Hygiene Drive to assist the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. The drive will last throughout Lent. Hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, dish soap and laundry soap will be greatly appreciated. Please leave the items in the bin in the Narthex.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANN

Thurs., Mar. 2 at 10 am

The Daughters of St. Ann assists the parish in many ways.

This is an open ministry and a great way to meet other women of the parish. It is their mission to foster a close feeling of parish family while following the teachings of Jesus in their actions towards all people. Come see what the ministry is all about on Thursday, March 2 at 10:00 am.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25

4:30 pm | Kevin Clare

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am | For the Parish

11:00 am | David Novitske

Monday, February 27

9:30 am | Jan Kairis

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 pm | NO MASS

Wednesday, March 1

9:30 am | NO MASS

Friday, March 3

9:30 am | First Friday Memorial List

Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm | For the Parish

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am |

11:00 am | Virginia Bazner

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Bill LaBre, Christine Cobb, Ryan Clark, John Davis, Lenni DeCraene, Angela Evans, Teri Hassinger, David & Karen Keck, Larry Nagy, Jamie Qualls, Vickie Quinlan, Jennie Streeter, Kathy Wenger and all those in our prayer intention book!



LENT NOTE:

During Lent at Our Lady, as a means for fasting during our Lenten Journey, we will replace donuts with pretzels which will be available on Sunday mornings after Masses. All donations will go to support the Rice Bowl collection.

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for Feb 19\$7,200.00

.....\$6,771.57

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$237,600.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$234,524.57

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

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, February 25

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, February 26

Pretzels, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Confirmation Class

Monday, February 27

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Wednesday, March 1

1:15 pm EFP Leadership Meeting

Friday, March 3

8:30 am Adoration/Confession

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 5

Pretzels, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

9:45 am Confirmation Class

PLEASE NOTE: No Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday for the parish collaborative this week.

Please pray for Fr. Raj and all the priests in our Diocese who will be



away for a Retreat this week.

May they come back to their parishes renewed and refreshed to shepherd their flocks!!!



SACRISTANS NEEDED:

Our Lady is currently looking for a few Sacristans to assist once a month at either the 8 or 11 am Masses.

Duties include setting out the items needed for Mass, then cleaning and putting them away afterwards. You will be working with an experienced sacristan until you feel comfortable handling the duties alone.

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am | Chester Grzeskiewicz

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 am | NO MASS

Sunday, March 5

9:30 am |

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, February 26

After Mass Birthday Celebration

Thursday, March 2

10:00 am Daughters Meeting

Friday, March 3

11:15 am Lent Study: No Greater Love

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a Simple Lunch

Sunday, March 5

After Mass Religious Education

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Diehl Family, Mary Fosdick, Kenneth Kanczuzewski, Paula Kelly, Pat LaPorte, Nagy Family, Arnie and Carla Novotny, Scalise Family, Dale Williams and all those in our prayer intention book!

FISH FRY

St. Anthony Church

Friday, March 3

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Adults \$12

Seniors \$10

Kids 4-11 \$6

509 4th St. Buchanan, MI



ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for Feb 19\$2,480.00

.....\$1,890.00

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$79,360.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$81,334.26

Give online at: stanncass.com

41 Ways to Keep Lent

Right a wrong. Keep a promise. Count your blessings. Mend a quarrel. Spread joy. Pray for refugees. Be grateful for family. Attend Mass more frequently. Fast from gossip. Be humble in success, patient in hardship, hopeful in disappointment, generous in prosperity. Offer approval. See your problems as challenges, your challenges as blessings. Encourage an enemy. Seek peace. Pray the Way of the Cross. Listen. Apologize if you are wrong. Think first of someone else. Stop in church for a moment. Give alms. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Say "Thanks!" Read the Bible daily. Tender a compliment. Don't run the faucet continuously when you brush your teeth, shave, or do dishes. Rejoice in the beauty and wonder of Earth. Inspire hope in another. Be hopeful yourself. Plant a flower. Sponsor a just cause. Gladden the heart of a child. Make a new friend. Renew an old friendship. Paint a fence, a room, a picture. Take time to imagine. Do a job for nothing. Plan as a family ways to minimize the electricity you use for a day. Eat by candlelight. Abstain from complaining. On Good Friday spend an hour in church. Give Easter flowers to someone.

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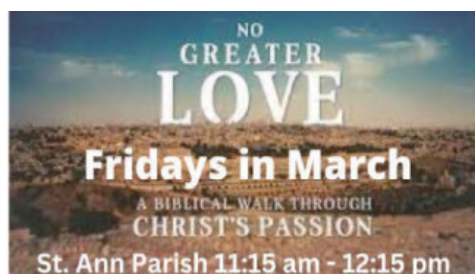
Mike Petersen

FOLLOW HIM ON FRIDAYS AT ST. ANN

All are invited to a faith-filled afternoon at St. Ann on each Friday in March.

- Beginning at 11:15 we will explore No Greater Love. This video series was filmed on location in the Holy Land and will take us on a Biblical walk through Christ's Passion.
- At 12:30 we will pray the Stations of the Cross and be able to reflect on our step-by-step journey with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.
- Immediately following the Stations we will offer a simple lunch and enjoy fellowship.

Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary. Come participate in any or all of these events each week, or as your time allows. You'll be glad you did.



Lenten Soup
Stations of the Cross

SOUP AT 6:00 PM STATIONS AT 6:30 PM

Come to Our Lady on Friday evenings during Lent and enjoy a simple soup supper in the Social Hall and then go to the church to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us with the Stations of the Cross. We thank the different ministry groups for hosting the soup suppers.

Coming to Our Lady.....

MARCH 23RD 7:00 PM

BROKEN MARY

A JOURNEY OF HOPE

A presentation by Kevin Matthews about the day God led him to a filthy dumpster with a broken statue of the Virgin Mary lying next to it. Hear how this Broken Mary has changed his life and how she can change yours too!

SAVE THE DATE



Fr. Raj displays his mask that he made for the Lively Lunch Mardi Gras celebration.

LIVELY LUNCH CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS!

Parishioners of St. Ann and Our Lady made masks, enjoyed good food and learned about some of the customs of Mardi Gras while thinking about the different masks that we all wear. We thank the Lively Lunch Committee at both parishes for giving us an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our collaborative parishioners and for providing us with a very tasty lunch. We look forward to being together again in April.

SIMPLE SUPPER AND STATIONS AT OUR LADY

All are invited to share a simple supper of cheese pizza, green salads and fruit. Enjoy fellowship with parishioners and families of both parishes then *Walk the Way of the Cross* with a family-friendly version of the Stations of the Cross.

Friday, March 10th

Simple Supper in Our Lady's Social Hall at 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

Please return this coupon to the collection basket by March 6th or call the office so we can plan accordingly.

Family Name: _____

Attending: _____

I would like to bring:

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