



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

March 19, 2023 | 4TH 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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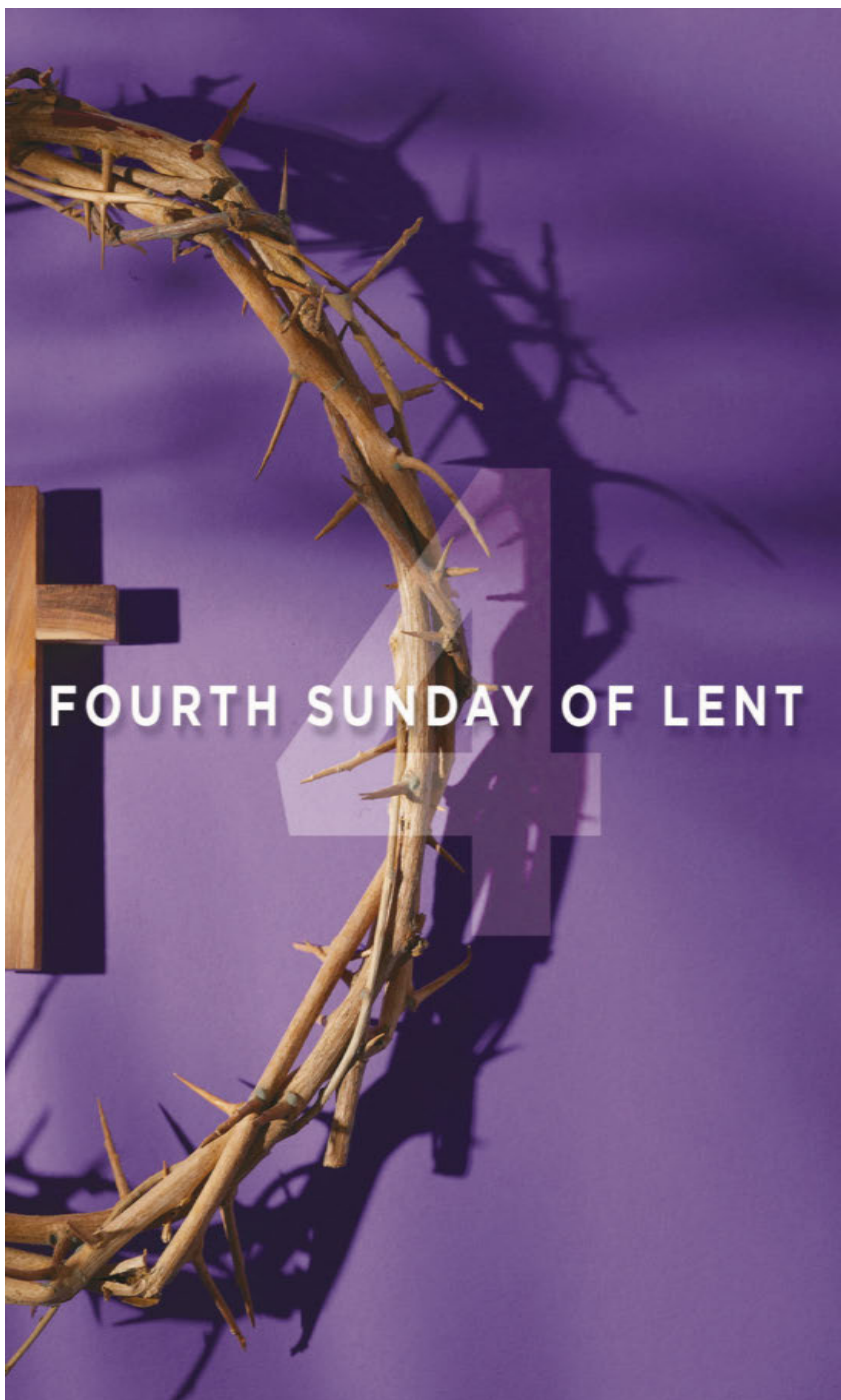
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Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekday Mass



GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Lent

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talent, and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

— **Stewardship Reflections**
by **Catholic Stewardship**
Consultants

PRAY FOR ST. ANN STUDENTS

Please take a little time to keep St. Ann's Religious Education students in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten Season. We especially pray for Kasen Kovach who will be receiving this Sacrament for the first time.

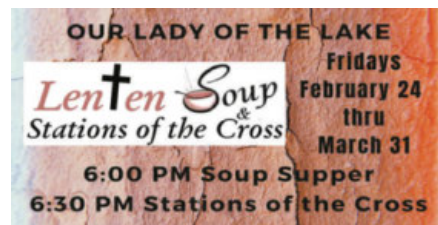
Heavenly Father, help Kasen, Aniyah and Joseph to always know that they can trust in You and that in Your mercy, You will forgive them and always love them. Amen.



SAINTS IN THE NARTHEX

Come meet our Confirmation students and share your smile on Sunday, March 26th as they present and display their Saint Reports in the Narthex after each Sunday Mass at Our Lady. Each student will share with you why they have chosen that particular saint as their role model.

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



PACK THE PANTRY THIS LENT IN CASSOPOLIS

Please help St. Ann to stock the pantry at Helping Hands of Cass County. A food donation box is located in the vestibule. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you will find pink pantry envelopes at the Welcome/Information Table. Please make checks payable to Helping Hands. These donations can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Thank you for your assistance to the community.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm | Thelma Antus

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am | Jean Connell

11:00 am | Carolyn Ronnebaum

Monday, March 20

9:30 am | Dean Johnson

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 pm | Doug Weber

Wednesday, March 22

9:30 am | Carolyn Ronnebaum

Friday, March 24

9:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 25

4:30 pm | For the Parish

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am |

11:00 am | Jackie Wallace

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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



DON'T MISS BROKEN MARY

A Testimony of
Conversion and a
Journey of Hope
By Kevin Matthews

**7 PM AT OUR LADY
THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for March 12\$7,200.00

.....\$5,554.13

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$259,200.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$254,333.77

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

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, March 18

10:00 am Confirmation Retreat

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 19

Pretzels, Coffee, Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, March 20

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, March 21

6:00 pm Rosary/Confession

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Thursday, March 23

7:00 pm Broken Mary/Journey of Hope

Speaker-Kevin Matthews

Followed by Reception and Book Signing

Friday, March 24

8:30 am Adoration/Confession

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 26

Pretzels, Coffee, Conversation

After Masses Saints Reports

9:30 am Confirmation Parent Meet

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am RE Mass

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS Return Envelopes by April 2

It is not too late to give to the Easter Flower Memorial at your parish. Please use the envelope in your packet or by the church doors to write down a deceased person (or couple) you would like remembered, with a suggested offering of \$5 or more. Memorials must be submitted by Palm Sunday, April 2nd. The envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19

9:30 am |

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 am | Huebner Family

Sunday, March 26

9:30 am | Melvin Monette

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, March 19

After Mass Religious Education
& Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

10:00 am Rosary

Friday, March 24

11:15 am Lent Study: No Greater Love

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm Simple Lunch

Sunday, March 26

After Mass Birthday Celebration

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Craig and Dana Higley, Nalia Morgado, Amy and Emily Moses, Ellen and Liam Olivio, Tony Rosser, Bud & Maryanne Scheibelhut, Dale Williams and all those in our prayer intention book!

ST. ANN FAITH-FILLED FRIDAYS

No Greater Love continues on Fridays. *The Death of the Messiah* video will be shown on March 24 at 11:15. Stations of the Cross begins at 12:30 pm and is followed by a simple lunch.

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount

.....\$2,480.00

Collection for March 12

.....\$1,499.00

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$86,800.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$87,377.26

Give online at: stanncass.com

Cass County Right to Life Flower Sale

Quantity	Item	Cost per item	Total
_____	Potted flat/begonia	\$13.00	_____
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_____	Potted flat/petunia	\$13.00	_____
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_____	Potted flat/snapdragon	\$13.00	_____

Checks must be made out to Cass County Right to Life

Payment must accompany order Total \$ _____

Orders must be turned in to your home parish by March 26.

Orders will be available to pick up at your home parish after all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13 & 14.

**FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thank you to the students who participated at the family version of Stations of the Cross at Our Lady and to everyone who brought food for

the Simple Supper. We were nourished both physically and spiritually with food, fellowship and prayer.

**Easter Candy and Basket Items Needed**

Our Lady of the Lake will once again have an Easter Egg Hunt followed by the Blessing of the Easter Food and Easter Basket giveaways. Please assist by

bringing bags of individually wrapped candy that will fit inside the little plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt as well as items to make Easter Baskets for both children and adults. Please place items in the basket near the Welcome Center at Our Lady by Sunday, March 26.

**HOLY THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS**

The commemoration of the Last Supper has many significant components that include the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the disciples' feet – a task usually relegated to a servant. This is an act of humility and service that we, as followers of Jesus, are asked to imitate. Please consider making a gesture of humility and service by participating in this special rite at either St. Ann or Our Lady.

To say yes to this invitation, call your parish office or put your name on this article and place it in the collection basket or sign up in the church gathering space.

NAME:

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Enhance your Lent

During Lent, take some time to renew your relationship with God and grow closer to Him.

Fasting

We fast because choosing to go without something reminds us of our dependence on God, Jesus' sacrifice for us, and teaches us to live in solidarity with the less fortunate.

Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as penance and sacrifice to remember Jesus' death on Good Friday.

Many people give up something for Lent which is also a form of fasting.

Fasting is saying "NO" to ourselves and saying "YES" to God.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist - the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments) —for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

Resource: USCCB website

TURN YOUR FASTING INTO FEASTING!

During Lent, it is important to remember that our fasting should lead us to *Feasting* on good things for the Lord. We fast so that when we go to grab that food item, we stop and think about Christ and what He has done for us. Or we fast to "make space" so that we have more time to turn to God and His ways. If we fast from computer games, we will have more time to Feast on Scripture, prayer and doing acts of kindness; If we give up chocolate, the money we save can go to the Rice Bowl or another worthy cause and help nourish the underfed. So let us Feast this Lent, by turning our fasting into something positive.

What will you Feast on this Lent?

LENTEN PANTRY DRIVE

Please help the Edwardsburg Food Pantry (EFP) at Our Lady as they have seen an increase in families this year. There are many ways that you can assist.

- Help the Religious Education students at Our Lady with their **Annual Hygiene Drive**.
- Bring in food items like fruit, boxed potatoes, canned meat, soup or crackers and place them in the bins by the church entrances.
- Make a monetary donation in the orange envelopes located in the pews next weekend, March 25/26. (Make checks payable to EFP.)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:16

Two opportunities for the communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available in our Collaborative:

**St. Ann - Wed., March 29th
10:30 am**

**Our Lady - Wed., March 29th
6:30 pm**

The service is a blend of prayer, Scripture, brief homily, an examination of conscience and approaching the priest for confession and the absolution prayer. All are invited to prepare for Easter in this meaningful way.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS AND REFRESHMENTS

St. Ann Parish Community enjoys celebrating birthdays! During Mass on March 26th, Fr. Raj will honor all those who celebrate a birthday in March 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.





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