Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

PARISH COLLABORATIVE

March 26, 2023 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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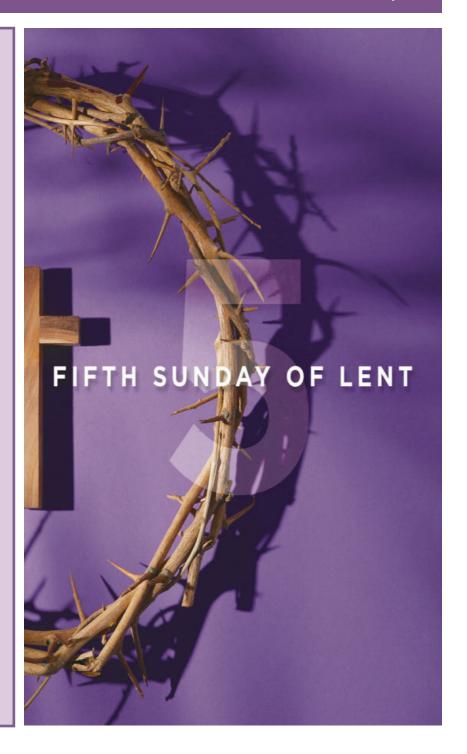
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Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekday Mass



FR. RAJ SHARES

Dear Loving Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel gives us the pre-taste of Jesus' own resurrection and His power over death. It teaches us the reality of our own resurrection as well.

The Gospel encourages us to profess our faith in Christ as the resurrection and the life. This is because whoever believes in Christ, even if the person dies, would rise again. Martha professed this faith as part of the condition Jesus requested for raising Lazarus from the dead.

We also read in the Gospel that Martha sent a word to Jesus that "whom he loved is dead." The friendship with Lazarus had propelled Jesus to go and do the miracle. And this friendship with Jesus guarantees blessings for all. Mary won this friendship by repenting and weeping at the feet of Jesus. This friendship also extended to Martha and Lazarus. It was this friendship that made Jesus share in their sorrow, to the extent that He

had to weep because of His friend Lazarus. There is nothing God cannot do for us when we win His friendship. For any miracle to happen in our life Jesus needs our faith and commitment to Him.

The season of Lent is a time to win the friendship of Jesus. Let us reconcile with Him at the confessional, in which we build the bond of friendship with God our loving Father.

Speaking of confession. It is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of the Catholic Church. Jesus Christ, in his abundant love and mercy, established the same when He said, "'Peace be with you, as the Father has sent Me, even so I send you,' and when He had said this He breathed on them and said to them, 'receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23) So as sinners, we need the grace of God to be reconciled with ourselves and the church to renew our

commitment and love for Him again through the sacramental and ministerial priesthood of Christ Himself.

So if you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too. And I request everyone to take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance which will be offered on Wednesday, March 29th at 10:30 am at St. Ann and 6:30 pm at Our Lady.

Praying for you, I remain,

Fr. Raj MSFS

Daughters

DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANN Thursday, April 6 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 toward all people. Come see what the ministry is all about on Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 am.



Holy Week Things to Know



Palm Sunday (April 1/2) is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Come receive your palms which are our reminder of Jesus' Passion and remind us to follow in his footsteps to carry the cross in our own lives.

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

According to the Office of Divine Worship, the foot washing at the Mass of the



Lord's Supper should "represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God."

This means that those who will participate should reflect the diversity of our Church community: men and women, children, families, the elderly, single and married, the healthy and the sick. We invite all of you to consider having your foot washed as an act of humility and service that we, as followers of Jesus, are asked to imitate.

There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome center at both churches for those who would offer to participate in the foot washing ceremony.

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 the names of the 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.



Our Holiest Week

Don't miss the best part! As we approach the end of Lent, keep in mind that the liturgical services of the *Triduum* (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) are among the very best things we do in the Church. Don't miss these profound and powerful celebrations!

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Foot Washing, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration.

Our Lady - 7:00 pm St. Ann - 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross

St. Ann - 11:15 am Our Lady - 2:15 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion.

St. Ann - 12:00 pm Our Lady - 3:00 pm

Ecumenical Good Friday Service,

Hosted at Hope United Methodist Church - 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 8th for the Collaborative

Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil (Including Blessing of the New Fire, Blessing of the Water, Candlelight procession)

Our Lady - 9 pm (No Mass at St. Ann)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Celebration of Easter!

Our Lady - 8:00 am St. Ann - 9:30 am

Our Lady - 11:00 am



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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

Wednesday, March 29th

St. Ann - 10:30 am Our Lady - 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. We do ask that if a longer confessions is needed to contact the parish office for an appointment.

All are invited to prepare for Easter in this meaningful way.

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

Why Go to Confession?

Confession is an excellent way to help us reflect on our actions and accept responsibility for our behavior. It helps us to grow in our understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps to form a conscience and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, we can learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! We can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends our failings. ©LPi

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORY CONTEST

Cass County Right to Life will host the local high school oratory contest in April. This is open to all high school students in Cass County. Each contestant must research. write and present a 5-7 minute prolife speech. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 10, 2023. Prize money will be awarded to each winner at the Local, State and National levels of the contest. More information and the student application form can be found at https://rtl.org/ school-student-resources/ oratory-contest/.



KICK-OFF EVENT CENT 'CHILI'AN COOK-OFF APRIL 29 AT 5:30 PM

Is your Chili Recipe up to competition? Would you consider entering your Chili into the Chili Cook-off?

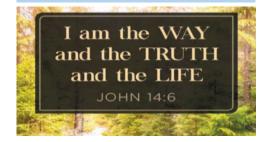
Our Lady of the Lake will be celebrating its 100-Year Anniversary this year and to get the celebration started we will be holding a Chili Cook-Off and Auction. Everyone from our collaborative is invited to come or even assist.

- Come join a team to assist:
 Chili Chefs' team
 Auction team
 Ticket and Tally team
 Non-Chili Food team (help cook hot dogs)
- Donations of new items valued at \$25 or more are needed for the Silent Auction.

Contact the church office, Amy or Jackiejo to lend a hand.

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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE This Week at Our Lady MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25

4:30 pm | For the Parish

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am | For the Poor & Homeless

11:00 am| Jackie Wallace

Monday, March 27

9:30 am | Bill Niemann

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 pm |

Wednesday, March 29

9:30 am l

Friday, March 31

9:30 am | Adeline (Chickie) Frole

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm | Jim Ake

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am | Lenore Anne Stuber 11:00 am | Dennis Sommerfeldt

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!



OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount \$7,200.00 Collection for March 12\$5,741.13 **Budgeted Weekly YTD**\$266,400.00

https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1

Total Actual Year To Date

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

Monday, March 27

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, March 28

11:30 am 100-Year Committee Meet

6:00 pm Rosary/Confession

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

6:30 pm Penance Service

Friday, March 31

8:30 am Adoration/Confession

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

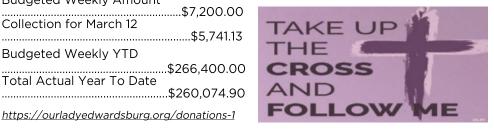
3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, April 2

Pretzels, Coffee, Conversation

FAITH FILLED FRIDAYS AT ST. ANN

No Greater Love will continue to be shown on Fridays at 11:15 am at St. Ann for 2 more weeks. Upcoming titles: March 24 - The Death of the Messiah and March 31 - The Seven Last Words. The Stations of the Cross begin at 12:30 pm and are followed by a simple lunch. Drop in as your time allows.



ST. ANN MASS **SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 26

9:30 am | Melvin Monette

Tuesday, March 28

9:30 am |

Sunday, April 2

9:30 am | Vincent Pinto Sr.

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, March 26

After Mass Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 am Rosarv

10:00 am Adoration/Confession

Wednesday, March 29

10:30 am Penance Service

Friday, March 31

11:15 am Lent Study: No Greater Love

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm Simple Lunch

Sunday, April 2

After Mass Religious Education

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 AT ST. ANN



Rosary at 9:00 am Mass at 9:30 am Adoration 10 - 11 am



Confessions heard during Adoration

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount\$2,480.00 Collection for March 12\$1,514.00 **Budgeted Weekly YTD**\$89,280.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$88,891.26

Give online at: <u>stanncass.com</u>

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Rice Bowls in our homes should be overflowing by WL now since we have been eating simple so that others

may simply live. To lighten the job of both parishes' money counters, it would be helpful if you would submit your offering in the form of a check (made out to Our Lady of the Lake or St. Ann with Rice Bowl written on the memo line), or paper bills rather than coinage. You may turn in your Rice Bowl offering beginning Holy Thursday:

- ♦ In the regular collection basket (make sure it is identified as Rice Bowl or use a Rice Bowl envelope found at church doors); or
- ♦ In the specially-marked containers/baskets near the doors of the Church.

25% of the Diocesan Rice Bowl collection is kept locally to fund grants to programs that provide food assistance and/or respond to the root causes of hunger across the nine counties of our diocese.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Our Lady Saturday, April 8th 11:15 am

Bring a basket with your favorite Easter foods that will be shared with your family for the first Easter meal. Line your food basket with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and, of course, the Resurrection of Jesus.

The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

This blessing is after the 11 am Easter Egg Hunt. You should bring your basket of food to the Social Hall and be ready by 11:15 am. Plan to add this event to your Easter festivities.

PRAYER BLANKET TAKE-HOME KITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



The Prayer Blanket/Shawl ministers have placed WNSTRY "Prayer Blanket Kits" in the gathering spaces at both churches in hopes that you can help replenish the

stock! No sewing or experience is needed! Simple instructions are included in each bag. Once your blanket is completed, simply bring it back to either church and place it in the bin next to the Prayer Blanket display. Blankets will be blessed by Father and distributed. Thank you for helping to provide a little love and care to those in our midst.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS OFFERED ON GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7

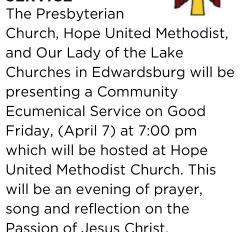
Our Lady of the Lake and St. Ann Churches will both be offering Stations of the Cross at a different time on Good Friday. Stations will take place prior to the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion.

STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY St. Ann - 11:15 am Our Lady - 2:15 pm

GOOD FRIDAY EDWARDSBURG ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Blessing of

Easter Food







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. Help fill the eggs in the Social Hall after the 8 am Mass on April 2. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 8 at 11 am.

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 on March 25/26. (Make checks payable to EFP.)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday, April 4 - 5:45 pm **Our Lady's Social Hall**

This month's talk will discuss the "Fall of Man." Come join us on Tuesday, April 4 at 5:45 pm in the Social Hall at the monthly Adult Education Series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HIRING CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

St. Mary's School in Niles, MI is searching for a new principal to continue its tradition of high quality academic education in a faithfilled Catholic environment. Applicants can call the parish to learn more about the position. 269-683-5087.

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.

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