# Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

# PARISH COLLABORATIVE

June 11, 2023 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

PASTOR: FR. RAJ J. NATHAN, MSFS

# 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

## St. Ann Parish Community

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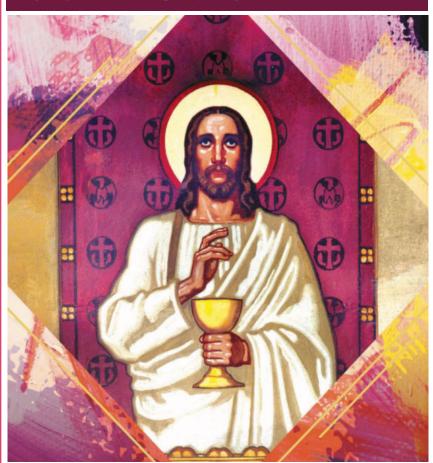
# Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

30 minutes before weekday Mass

# CORPUS CHRISTI



# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

-Jn. 6:57-58

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Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

#### FR. RAJ SHARES

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Sixteen hundred years ago the Bishop of Jerusalem addressed some converts on the Holv Communion that they were to receive for the first time. He said. "When you come up to receive, make your left hand a throne for the right for it is about to receive a King. Cup your palm and so receive the Body of Christ, then answer 'amen.' Take care not to lose part of it; such a loss would be like a mutilation of your own body. Why, if you had been given gold dust, would you not take the utmost care to hold it fast? Not letting a grain slip through your fingers, lest you be so much the poorer."

Sixteen centuries later, we gather here to do what the Christians of Jerusalem did and what the Apostles did in the upper room three centuries before that. On this special feast called Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, we shall do what the Lord commanded, take and eat, take and drink. Today in this church, the first century, the fourth, and the twenty-first come together. The details differ, from the upper room to the church of the Bishop of Jerusalem to this church.

But the reality is the same, the basic truth was expressed simply and profoundly by Jesus. "This is My Body, this is My Blood." Incredible words that not all could accept. Jesus once told His followers, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink

His Blood, you have no life in you." For many of His disciples, this was too much. They drew back and no longer walked with Him. How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?

Down through the ages great minds have asked this question and have responded with more bad arguments than good. Again, we turn to the Bishop of Jerusalem in his sermon on the Eucharist. He said, "Do not judge the reality by what you see and touch and taste. Judge by your unwavering faith for when the Master Himself has explicitly said. 'This is My Body, this is My Blood' will anyone still dare to doubt?" This is the Eucharistic truth; that the bread and wine are really the Body and Blood of Christ.

Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. St. Paul would echo this when he said, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. We become what we receive, Christ and I become one." They had become what they received, the Body of Christ. We need to ask ourselves after having received the Eucharist for so many years, has it made a difference? Or has it become a routine? Do I prepare to receive this gift worthily?

"Taste and see the Lord is good."

Wishing you all a happy feast of Corpus Christi.
I remain, praying for all,

Fr. Raj, MSFS





# 7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear

- 1. Live with intention. Life will be full of new opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
- 2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
- 3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
- **4.** Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
- 5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll be surprised by what you learn, how you grow, and whom you meet when you service.
- 6. Before you leave home, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, and cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count!).
- 7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

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

Saturday, June 10 4:30 pm | Steve Rickey

Sunday, June 11

8:00 am | For the Parish 11:00 am | For the Parish

Monday, June 12

9:30 am | Kathryn Lee

Tuesday, June 13

6:30 pm | Marcia Ake

Wednesday, June 14

9:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 16

9:30 am | For the Parish

Saturday, June 17

4:30 pm | Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 18

8:00 am | Father's Day Novena 11:00 am | Father's Day Novena

#### **OUR LADY PRAYER LIST**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Arlene Bruno, Kam Carroll, Christine Cobb, Marilyn Cobb, Ryan Clark, John Davis, Lenni DeCraene. Tom Harvev. Mahon, Rhonda McCauslin, Gloria Murphy, Vickie Quinlan, Jennie Streeter, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!

# Our Lady's Bishop's Appeal

Goal \$75,060

119 families have pledged \$53,291.00 or 71% of the goal

Give online: <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/">https://www.osvhub.com/</a> dioceseofkalamazooappeal/giving/funds

## **OUR LADY FINANCES**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

**Budgeted Weekly Amount** 

.....\$7,200.00 Collection for June 4

.....\$7,145.25 **Budgeted Weekly YTD** 

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$337,400.00

.....\$328,838.46

https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1

Saturday, June 10

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, June 11

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

Monday, June 12

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, June 13

6:00 pm Rosary/Confession

Wednesday, June 14

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Friday, June 16

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Saturday, June 17

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, June 18

Donuts, Coffee and Conversation



#### **ADORATION TIME CHANGE**

Starting June 9,

adoration will begin at 9 am on Fridays, putting it in line with other days of the week. The only exception will be on First Fridays, when it will remain at 8:30 am.

#### **FATHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Submit names by Monday, June 12



Remember and honor your Father in our Father's Day Novena of nine Masses. Give the gift of prayer to all the extraordinary men who have cared for you as devoted fathers by enrolling them in this Novena. Envelopes were in the June Mailing Packet or call the office by Monday to have your father, or a loved one, entered on the list of those we pray for.

# ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 11

9:30 am | Dale Williams

Tuesday, June 13

9:30 am | Jeremy James Adams

Sunday, June 18

9:30 am | Father's Day Novena

#### This Week at St. Ann

Tuesday, June 13

Office Closed

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

10:00 am Rosary

Thursday, June 15

Office Closed



#### ST. ANN PRAYER LIST

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Mary Fenech, Mary Fosdick, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Jacky Kelly, Arnie and Carla Novotny, John Palmer, Scalise Family and all those in our prayer intention book!

## St. Ann's Bishop's Appeal

Goal \$26,176

42 families have pledged \$16,763.00 or 64% of the goal

\$9,413.00 Shortfall

Give online: https://www.osvhub.com/ dioceseofkalamazooappeal/giving/funds

## ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

**Budgeted Weekly Amount** .....\$2,480.00 Collection for June 4 .....\$3,181.00 Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$114,080.00

Total Actual Year To Date .....\$114,183.39

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

# FR. RAAB'S ROAD LEADS HIM BACK TO EDWARDSBURG

# Rev. Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC June 2023

My family acquired a summer cottage on Garver Lake in 1960. My parents, John and Rosemary Raab and my brother John Raab then opened Raab's Supermarket in 1967 after making Edwardsburg our year-round



Fr. Ron Raab, CSC

home. I began fifth grade in Edwardsburg that autumn.

As I continued religious education at Our Lady of the Lake, I felt a calling into the direction of priesthood and religious life. Several priests from Notre Dame served in our parish. I felt a deep attachment to God's Word when I heard them preach. In high school, I served on the Parish Council and as a Eucharistic Minister. A group of parishioners began to support my inkling toward a vocation as priest. The parish community began to form my imagination, my service, and my prayer.

I will never forget a widow who prayed in the front pew each Sunday. After Mass one Sunday, she stopped me. She handed me a prayer card of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She told me to pray that prayer every day. We never spoke after that. I was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1983 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. The priests in our community are dedicated to the Sacred Heart. I carried that prayer card in my wallet for over forty years until it disintegrated. I still remember her invitation to me to draw closer to the Sacred Heart with great fondness. I have served in parishes in Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, California and Oregon. In July 2022, I completed nine years as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado. On July 1, I will serve as Religious Superior of Holy Cross House, our medical facility and retirement home at Notre Dame.

Our Lady of the Lake in later years also housed our family grief. I presided at my father's funeral in December 2000, my mother's funeral in 2004, then my brother's funeral in September 2022. I also celebrated my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest at Our Lady of the Lake in 2008. Our Lady of the Lake has been a spiritual home my entire life. I am grateful for the support of the community and the inspiration and prayer they have offered me all these years.

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# THREE DAYS OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION TO CELEBRATE OUR LADY'S LEGACY OF FAITH

6:30 PM MASSES WITH FR. SWAMY Wednesday, June 21 - The Church Yesterday Thursday, June 22 - The Church Today Friday, June 23 - The Church Tomorrow

Father Swamy (the priest who was here during Lent in 2022 while Fr. Raj was on vacation) will return to speak at three evening Masses leading up to the Anniversary Mass with the Bishop. Come to Our Lady on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings (June 21 -June 23) for 6:30 pm Mass, where Fr. Swamy will spend some time in the homily talking about "The Church Yesterday, The Church Present and The Church Tomorrow." Each night will be one part of the talk. There will be no morning Masses on Wednesday and Friday that week.

#### OUR LADY'S 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY A YEAR FULL OF CELEBRATION

- Ornament Sale with the 100-Year Logo
- Parish Picnic on August 13 (Coordinated by Lori Richards)
- Living Rosary and Church Tours (October)
- Trivia Night
- Dinner Dance
- Anniversary History Book of Our Lady (which will be available to parishioners and guests at the concluding Mass in June of 2024.)

#### STEWARDSHIP AROUND THE PARISH

St. Ann would like to thank everyone who shares their time and talent to keep the grounds, inside plants and flowers looking beautiful. A special thanks to Bonnie Smith for weeding the Grotto and to Margaret & Mike Evans and Sue Peterson for their work with the outdoor flower pots. If you would like to get involved in this or in any other way around the parish, please contact Margaret at stanncass@gmail.com.



#### **THANK YOU**

St. Ann and Our Lady would like to thank our Finance Officer, Barb Klump, and the members who serve on the Finance Councils at each parish.

As we draw closer to the end of our fiscal year, they have worked hard to prepare the new budget. At this time both churches have a few members whose terms are coming to an end, so they are looking for new faces to come forward in this important ministry. If you are interested, call your parish office for more details.



# SUPPORTS THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST

The Appeal funds many of the churchs' websites including St. Ann and our Lady's. The fund also supports the staff of the 59 parishes in the Diocese and has programs to reach all the faithful; such as teen retreats, grief support groups, special needs programming and marriage prep.

Your donation can help a child from a low-income family to attend a Catholic School; help an immigrant with legal service; assist a runaway to get a GED; provide a pregnant mom with stability. When you give to the Bishop's Appeal, you help continue the work of the many Catholic ministries throughout Southwestern Michigan.

Prayerfully consider what you can do to support all the diocesan spiritual, pastoral, educational and charitable programs and services. We all benefit from them. With everyone's generosity, we can work together to achieve our parish goals. Please make your pledge known. Envelopes are available at the doors.

Let's invest in the ministries that affect God's people!



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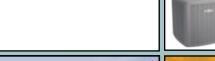
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