



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

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: FR. RAJ J. NATHAN, MSFS



31ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among
you must be your servant."
- Mt 23:11

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*Reaching up to God, reaching out
to one another,
through prayer, service and friendship.*

WELCOME

Mass Times: Our Lady

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

9:30 am: Mon. - Wed. - Fri.
6:30 pm: Tuesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 pm
30 min. before weekday Mass

Adoration:

M-W-F before Mass

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Mass Times:

Sunday & Tuesday 9:30 am

Adoration and Confession

Tuesdays: 9:00 am

Last Tues. of the Month: 10 - 11 am

Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Bulletin Deadline for both Parishes: 9 am on Monday | submit to cantos2@comcast.net

GOSPEL MEDITATION

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society, soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolves around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote,

"Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

— **Stewardship Reflections**
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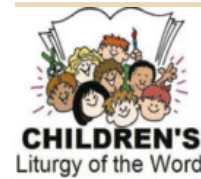
ST. ANN CHRISTIAN SERVICES

NOVEMBER 7 AT 6:30 PM

ST. ANN CASSOPOLIS

St. Ann Parish in Cassopolis has been helping people in the community for decades. Recently, they expanded their ability to assist those in need. Now they are able to serve those in Cassopolis, others close to home and even those across borders with the help of St. Ann Christian Services (SACS) ministry.

The group will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 pm. Call the office or talk to one of the members: Dave and Laurie Almack, Phyllis Mosher, Phyllis Petersen, Theresa Slaski and Laura Walker, to learn more about the great work that is being done.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NOV. 5 & 12!

Children's

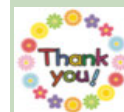
Liturgy of the Word resumes at the 11:00 am Mass today at Our Lady and provides young children (ages 4 through 3rd Grade) the opportunity to hear the Sunday Gospel and pray at their own level. It's a wonderful way for young children to learn about the Mass and grow in their prayer life. Parents are most welcome to accompany beginners for their first few times!



PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Praying for each other's intentions is an important part of our parish life.

If you would like the parish to pray for your intention, please write your name or your intention in our Prayer Intention Book. The prayer intentions written in these books will be prayed for every week with a general intercession during our Masses. The books are located near the baptisteries at each church.



FR. BOB (PADRE) SAYS THANK YOU

Padre thanks

everyone for the school supplies and donations that he will take with him to El Sitio. He appreciates your generosity!

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 4

4:30 pm | Larry Nagy

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am | Clark Smith

11:00 am | All Souls Novena

Monday, November 6

9:30 am | Reiff Family

Tuesday, November 7

6:30 pm |

Wednesday, November 8

9:30 am | Rodney Davidson

Friday, November 10

9:30 am | Adeline (Chickie) Frole

Saturday, November 11

4:30 pm | Carol Knoll

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am | Marianne Warren

11:00 am | Christine Cobb Lietke

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Arlene Bruno, Marilyn Cobb, Ryan Clark, Dale Deditch, Lenni DeCraene, Dorothy Derringer, Maryann Dobransky, Ed Drone, Bob Jenkins, Bobbie Klimek, Theresa Miller, Frank Napowocki, Lima Olfato, Vickie Quinlan, Bud Rose, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!



OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for October 29

Budgeted Weekly YTD

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$6,400.00

.....\$6,952.21

.....\$115,200.00

.....\$109,103.36

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

100-Year \$100,000 Campaign

.....\$28,380.00

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, November 4

8 am-2 pm Holiday Bazaar

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, November 5

Time Change-Move clocks back 1 hour

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

9:45 am Confirmation

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 6

6:00 pm The Chosen S3 E7

Tuesday, November 7

Noon EFP Leadership

5:45 pm Catholic Teaching

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Saturday, November 11

3:30 pm Confession

After Mass Holy Land Religious Art Sale

Sunday, November 12

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

9:00 am Holy Land Religious Art Sale

9:45 am Religious Education

9:45 am Confirmation

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

NOON Holy Land Religious Art Sale



HONORING VETERANS

Our Collaborative Parishes are proud of all the members of our community who have served or are serving in our armed services. On the weekend of November 11th and 12th the parishes will offer a special blessing to all veterans at all Masses. During these celebrations, our presider will encourage the men and women who served our country to stand for a special blessing.

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am | Matthew Smiecinski

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 am | All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am | Larry Van Lue

This Week at St. Ann

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 am Rosary

10:00 am The Chosen S3 E7

6:30 pm Christian Service Meeting

Thursday, November 9

Office Closed

Sunday, November 12

After Mass Coffee and Donuts

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Wayne Govert, Chris & Jacky Kelly, Paula Kelly, Becky McIntyre, Carla Novotny, Mike Petersen, Bud & Marianne Scheibelhut, Betty Van Lue, Margaret (Peggy) Wilds, and all those in our prayer intention book!



ATTENTION LECTORS

Please take a moment after Mass to pick up

your *Workbook for Lectors*.

The Workbook begins the weekend of Dec. 2/3. The books are located in the ushers room at Our Lady and the on the hallway table at St. Ann.

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for October 29

Budgeted Weekly YTD

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$2,330.00

.....\$2,618.00

.....\$41,940.00

.....\$41,600.00

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER



Imagine a person who, for years and years, has grabbed coffee and a bagel each morning and then fasted until the next day, taking only sips of water, juice or soda, maybe grabbing a cracker or a pretzel. And then imagine one day hearing of a new approach to nourishment: something called meals, three times a day. Cereal with milk and coffee in the morning; an entire sandwich for lunchtime; meat, pasta, salad, crusty bread for dinner; and, at bedtime, a piece of apple pie such as you haven't tasted since you were a child.

That comparison comes closest to describing the change in your life once you start praying 20 minutes, four times a day. It gives new meaning to the lyrics: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." (Psalm 34:9a)

The change from snatching snacks to sitting down to three meals a day is enormously challenging. It calls for a radical overhaul of your schedule, an uprooting of priorities and commitments, especially, of your mind-set. The preparations take more thought and energy and planning than the prayer. It's like preparing a Thanksgiving dinner. It takes 10 hours to make the meal, and one hour to eat it.

With prayers spaced out throughout the day, we are never far away from God, anticipating the sweetness of our time with Him, looking forward to the resting or the intensity of conversing with the Lord that former prayers had never fostered.

Frequent prayers make sin stand out in stark relief, and instant cries for forgiveness and mercy run throughout the day.

Try including prayer with all meals and snacking. You may find yourself making time to eat those balanced meals...

CONTACTING STAFF MEMBERS

The parish directory (box on the right side of this page) can be used to contact the staff at both Our Lady and St. Ann Churches. You can reach out by phone or email.

To take care of any office business, learn more about Online Giving, put your name on the prayer list, etc., contact your parish office and Cindy, Margaret, would be happy to assist. If you have a financial question for either parish, contact Barbara. Marc handles concerns about the grounds, maintenance and other building issues at both St. Ann and Our Lady. Please feel free to contact us.

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TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH
Tuesday, November 7
5:45 pm
Our Lady's Social Hall

Topic: Jesus and His Ministry

Come learn more about the Catholic faith and its teachings this Tues., Nov. 7 at 5:45 pm. Meet at Our Lady's Social Hall for the monthly Adult Education Series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

THE NICENE CREED

The students in the Religious Ed program learn the Nicene Creed and talk about the 4 marks of the Catholic Faith: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. They also learn:
Begotten: the Co-existence of Christ the Son with the Father.
Consubstantial: the Father and the Son are the same substance.
Incarnate: God took human form in the body of Christ.



**THANK YOU FOR
 STRAIGHTENING
 THE CHURCH**

Thank you to the many stewards who take the time to leave the pews and church ready for those who come next to our parishes. The extra minute taken to place the hymnal right side up and straightening the Welcome Envelopes is a simple act of stewardship and we are grateful to all of you who assist in this way. Please feel free to join others and even share your talent in additional pews when necessary so that the church will be ready for those who visit next.



**KNIGHTS' TOOTSIE
 ROLL DRIVE
 THIS WEEKEND**

The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of the Lake

will be passing out Tootsie Rolls to all parishioners after Masses on November 4/5 to bring awareness of the Michigan Special Olympics. Parishioners are welcome to make a donation and these funds will go to support those with disabilities. Thank you for your support.

THE CHOSEN AT OUR LADY

There are only 2 episodes left of The Chosen. Everyone has enjoyed seeing the scripture stories come to life.

Nov. 6 - 6 pm

Nov. 13 4 pm Bring your dinner and we will share a meal together!

NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL FURNITURE

St. Ann parishioners are enjoying the new tables and chairs that were recently purchased with the parish council and finance council members' approval. We also thank those who assisted in selecting the fabric and the exact quantity needed. Special thanks to Marc Breden and John Pinto for unloading and setting them up. The addition of the light weight tables and padded chairs allows for ease in arranging the hall as needed for events and Masses with overflow seating. Thank you to everyone who supports St. Ann with their time, talents and donations.

HOLY LAND WOOD SALES AT OUR LADY



On November 11/12, a representative of the *Holy Land Family* will be selling beautiful hand carved religious art work made from olive wood and mosaics to help the Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. These families' livelihood have been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. The Christian population in Bethlehem is decreasing and with our support to help these families continue their work, they can maintain their employment so that they can stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each Mass, and we greatly thank you for your support! God Bless You.



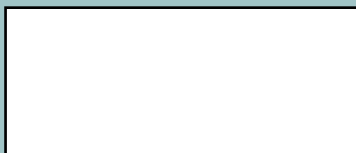
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