



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

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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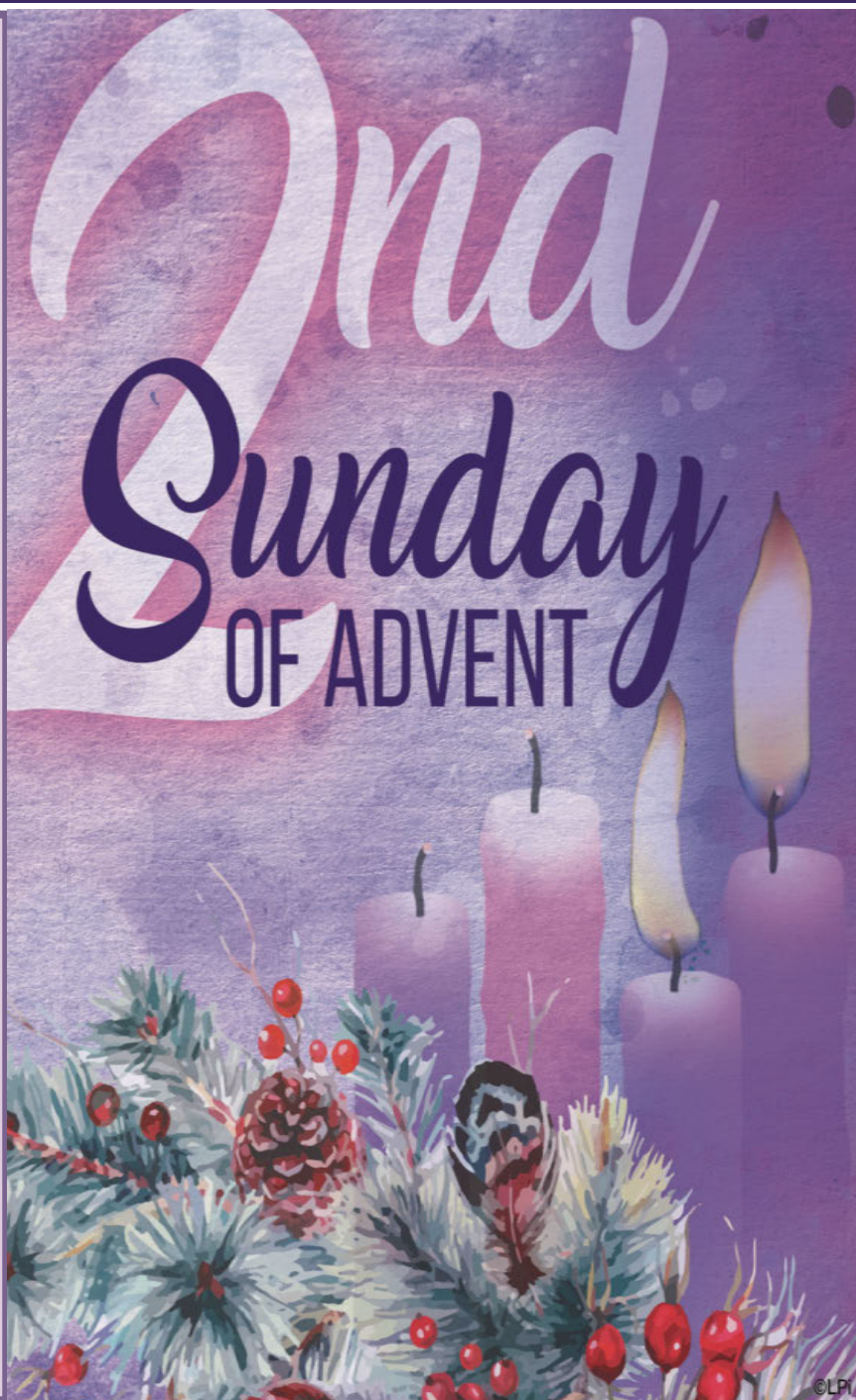
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Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Adoration and Confession: Tues. 9 am

Rosary: Tues. 10 am



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Advent

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living

as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

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BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to all of those who supported the Daughters of St. Ann by baking a dessert or purchasing a treat at their December Bake Sale. Your donations help the Daughters to purchase things like enrichment materials, CareNote pamphlets, lectionary workbooks and our music license and other music resources. The Women have about 12 members who meet monthly. Their next meeting will be January 4th at 10:00 am and all women of the parish are encouraged to join them.

THE “KNIGHTS” BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Edwardsburg Knights of Columbus will be giving out a treat to all of the children at Masses on December 16/17. Be sure to come to get a candy cane.



PRAYER AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH



(Second Week of Advent)

***O King of all Nations,
Jesus Christ
Only Joy of Every Heart,
Come and Save Your
People.***

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 9

4:30 pm | Carol Knoll

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am | Ken Craft

11:00 am | For the Parish

Monday, December 11

9:30 am | Special Intention

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 pm | Bill Burrows

Wednesday, December 13

9:30 am | Jan Schymanski

Friday, December 15

9:30 am | Pete Bickel

Saturday, December 16

4:30 pm | Kathryn Lee

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am | For the Parish

11:00 am | Cripe and Ake Families

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 & Eva Jenkins, Bobbie Klimek, Theresa Miller, Frank Napowocki, Vickie Quinlan, Kathy Rallo, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!



OUR LADY ADVENT CHOIR

Come sing in a choir during Advent for the 11:00 am Mass. Rehearsals are each Sunday in Advent at 9:30 am.

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

.....\$6,400.00

Collection for November 26

.....\$4,541.51

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$140,800.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$130,541.82

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

100-Year \$100,000 Campaign

.....\$37,657.66

This Week at Our Lady

2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 9

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, December 10

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

NOON Collaborative Christmas Potluck

Monday, December 11

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, December 12

NOON EFP Leadership Meeting

6:00 pm Rosary

7:15 pm Parish Council

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Friday, December 15

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 16

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, December 17

Donuts, Coffee and Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am RE Mass

6:00 pm EFP Food Packing



PACKING PANTRY CHRISTMAS BOXES

Please plan to join us in the

Narthex at Our Lady on Sunday evening, **Dec. 17th at**

6:00 pm to pack the Christmas boxes for the Food Pantry. It usually lasts about an hour.

Volunteers can come on Monday, **Dec. 18th** to help with the basket and gift give-away. The shifts are **10 am to NOON and 4 pm - 6 pm.**



ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10

9:30 am | Barbara Scalise

Tuesday, December 12

9:30 am | Joe Flickinger

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am | Charleyn Daley

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Hosted at Our Lady

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10:00 am Rosary

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Sunday, December 17

9:30 am Rel. Ed Mass and Class

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mary Fenech, Mary Fosdick, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Michael Lasiewicz, Carla Novotny, John Palmer, Betty Van Lue and all those in our prayer intention book!



ADORATION AND CONFESSION

St. Ann will be offering adoration prior to the 9:30 am Mass every Tuesday morning. Adoration will begin at 9:00 am and confessions will also be heard during this time.

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

.....\$2,330.00

Collection for November 26

.....\$1,826.00

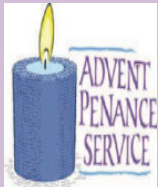
Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$51,260.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$49,367.00

Give online at: stannmass.com



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AT ST. ANN AND OUR LADY

Two opportunities for the communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available in our collaborative: **Wednesday, December 20th**

St. Ann: NOON Our Lady: 6:30 pm

The service is a blend of prayer, music, Scripture, brief homily, an examination of conscience and approaching the priest for confession and the absolution prayer. Extra priests will be on hand to assist at the service. All are invited to prepare for Christmas in this meaningful way.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

December 18th will be the last day to contribute for the churches' Christmas flowers through a memorial gift. Flower envelopes can be found in your envelope packet or at the church entrances. We suggest an offering of \$5 or more. Each church decorating coordinator will order the plants and flowers according to the Christmas design plan.



DOUBLE MATCH AT MEIJER SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

Meijer is collecting donations for their Simply Give program to assist area food pantries. All pantry donations made from Oct. 2 - December 30 at the **Meijer Grape Rd.** store will go directly to our EFP. Meijer will **DOUBLE Match** all donations made on **Saturday, December 16.**

Pick up a square "Simply Give Card" located near the cash registers and let the cashier know how much you want to give to the pantry. At the end of the campaign, Meijer will give the EFP gift cards to use to restock the shelves of their food pantry.



RITE OF WELCOME

This Sunday, December 10 at St. Ann's 9:30 am Mass, Gavin Palmer will be introduced and formally welcomed into our parish community. Gavin, with guidance by Mike and Phyllis Petersen, is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These gifts of the sacraments will be celebrated during the Easter Season. He will be joined by his sponsor and grandmother Diane Palmer. After Mass the Daughters of St. Ann will host a small reception so that you can meet and welcome Gavin.

A MINI RETREAT FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 13 6-9 PM

Do You Hear What I Hear: Preparing for the joy of Christmas

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Congratulations to our five students at Our Lady who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on December 4th: Grace Beaver, Kium Enright, Nico Grescowle, Logan Kiley, Connor Sampson



CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK

**December 10
Noon**

Hosted at Our Lady

Be sure to come to this year's collaborative Potluck Christmas Party hosted at Our Lady on Sunday (today!) at Noon. Festivities will include a craft table, games, including Bingo for the children and adults, and a visit from Santa. You can also purchase a 100 - Year ornament for \$10 and put your name on it to display on the Social Hall Christmas tree.



OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING: IRA GIFT

Did you know that you can reduce your taxes for 2023 by making a gift from your IRA to Our Lady of the Lake or St. Ann? The fiscal cliff law permits individuals who are 70 years of age or older to roll over up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity, free from federal income tax. The IRA rollover gift also qualifies for your 2023 required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your reportable income and taxes for this year while helping your parish financially. Contact your financial planner about how you can direct a gift from your IRA income to the parishes, help further our mission and enjoy a valuable tax saving this year. Make an IRA Rollover Gift today!



ST. ANN'S GIVING TREE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who picked up a tag from this year's Giving Tree. Please have your gift wrapped or in a gift bag with the gift tag you selected from the tree visible on the outside. Have the gifts under the tree by Sunday, Dec. 17th.

EDWARDSBURG FOOD PANTRY (EFP)

Our Lady Parishioners assist the families who visit the EFP. This year there will be over 200 families including 70 children. Items need to be at the church on **Dec. 17**.

- 200 new twin, full, or queen size blankets for their Christmas Giveaway.
- \$10 gift cards to area restaurants to give to the older children.
- New, unwrapped toys for children.
- Wrapping paper and tape.

We thank everyone for your assistance!



ST. ANN CHRISTMAS CAROLERS PRACTICE AFTER MASS

Come share your voice with the Parish Family. Practice with Mike, Sandy and Susan after Mass on December 10 and/or 17. The caroling will begin prior to Christmas Eve Mass at 3:40 pm with many of the popular songs you already know. So join the fun and come sing along!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adeline DeSchepper, a long time parishioner of Our Lady. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

May she Rest in Peace.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE For the Collaborative

**Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady
(Kids Choir)

4:00 pm Mass at St. Ann
(Carolers begin at 3:40)

10:00 pm Mass at Our Lady
Candlelight Mass

**Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day**

8:00 am Mass at Our Lady
9:30 am Mass at St. Ann

**Remember to attend Mass on the
4th Sunday of Advent:**

Sat., Dec. 23 - Our Lady 4:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 24 - Our Lady 8:00 am
Sun., Dec. 24 - St. Ann 9:30 am
No 11 am Mass at OL on Dec. 24.



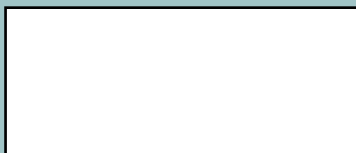
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