



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 31, 2023 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm

30 minutes before weekday Mass

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Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

Adoration and Confession: Tues. 9 am

Rosary: Tues. 10 am



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

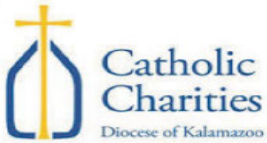
St. Paul calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” Let us “give thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today’s Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna

prophesized about what was to come, Jesus’ parents were “amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God’s plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God’s voice.

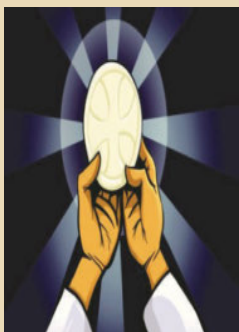
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The Home Heating Assistance Program will begin January 4, 2024. If you know someone in need of emergency heating assistance, please contact 269-381-9800 or homeheating@ccdok.org. We have many volunteers throughout the diocese to assist neighbors in need. If you are interested in donating to the assistance fund, please visit <https://ccdok.org/donate-today/>. Thank you!



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BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of

life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. This book is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

Thank you to the Daughters and WOOL who made this gift possible!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TUESDAY AT ST. ANN

St. Ann is happy to be a part of helping area children with nourishing bags of food on weekends and could use your help. Volunteers are needed to pack the food bags on **Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 am** and help deliver them on Tuesdays. The Pack-A-Backpack Program is assisting 50 students in our area. Monetary donations can be made to the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Sam Adams Backpack program at <https://www.mgcf.org>. Call the office for more details 269-445-3000.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30

4:30 pm | Albert & Carolyn Ronnebaum

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am | For the Parish

11:00 am | Bob Harvey

Monday, January 1

9:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 am | Harold Huston Cobb

Friday, January 5

9:30 am | 1st Friday Memorial List

Saturday, January 6

4:30 pm | Jim Deka

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am | David Barany

11:00 am | John Davis

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, December 30

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, December 31

Donuts, Coffee and Conversation

Monday, January 1

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Friday, January 5

8:30 am Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday, January 6

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, January 7

Donuts, Coffee and Conversation

9:00 am Un-Decorate Social Hall

Noon Un-Decorate Church

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, 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, Debra Swiental, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Mass: Mon., January 1, 9:30 am At Our Lady

***Start the New Year by giving
Praise to God!***

*(Because the holy day falls on a
Monday this year, it is not a day of
obligation.)*

NO TUESDAY EVENING MASS

Tuesday evening Mass at Our Lady will be cancelled during the winter months. There is 9:30 am Mass at St. Ann. Tuesday evening Mass at Our Lady will resume after the Easter on April 2nd.

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ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31

9:30 am | Nathaniel Foster

Tuesday, January 2

9:30 am |

Sunday, January 7

9:30 am | Betty Biek

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, December 31

Birthday/New Year Celebration

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

10:00 am Rosary

Thursday, January 4

10:00 am Daughters Meeting

Sunday, January 7

9:30 am Rel. Ed Mass and Class

10:30 am Breakfast

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mary Fenech, Mary Fosdick, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Gene Karnes, Michael Lasiewicz, Monica (Mickie) Miller, Carla Novotny, John Palmer, Vance Stratton, Betty Van Lue, Margaret (Peggy) Wilds and all those in our prayer intention book!

PLEASE NOTE..!

Weekday Mass will be cancelled at St. Ann whenever Cassopolis schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$2,330.00
Collection for December 17	\$7,263.00
(includes Online Giving)	
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$58,250.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$60,414.00
Give online at: stannccass.com	



OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$6,400.00
Collection for December 17	\$5,494.13
Budgeted Weekly YTD	\$160,000.00
Total Actual Year To Date	\$150,385.25
https://ourladyedwardsburg.org/donations-1	
100-Year \$100,000 Campaign	\$40,798.66

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation. Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."

— Colossians 3:12

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A BIG THANK

YOU to everyone who made the Christmas Season

very special at Our Lady and St. Ann this year. We thank our Music Ministers and all of the musicians, cantors and carolers; our Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers for their services during these special Masses; for all who helped to decorate the church, and for everyone who worked behind the scenes including our office volunteers. We thank you all for your time, dedication and service at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Ann.
May God Bless You Richly!!!

TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

JANUARY 7

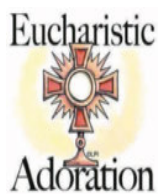
After the 9 am Mass at Our Lady on Sunday, January 7th, parishioners are needed to help take down the Social Hall tree. After the 11 am Mass, parish members are welcome to take any remaining poinsettia plants home with them. We will be taking down the Christmas decorations and the trees in the church. Assistance would be greatly appreciated!!



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND MASS AT OUR LADY

8:30 AM ON JAN. 5

Adoration begins at 8:30 on Friday. Come spend some time with the Lord and then stay and pray for our friends and family members on the 1st Friday Memorial prayer list this Friday, Jan. 5 at the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady.

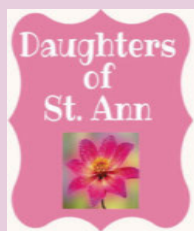


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE ENVELOPE PACKET

In the January envelope packet at Our Lady is a yellow envelope for the 1st Friday Memorial List. Please note that **this envelope is for new names to be added to the list.** This list is still in effect through July 31, 2024.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANN MEETING JANUARY 4TH 10:00 AM

The Daughters of St. Ann will have a short meeting in the fellowship hall on January 4th. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. We will be sharing the success of the December Bake Sale and putting on the finishing touches for the potluck breakfast. The group welcomes your involvement.



ST. ANN POTLUCK BREAKFAST + CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, January 7
after the 9:30 am Mass**

A potluck breakfast will follow the 9:30 am Mass on January 7 at St. Ann. Please sign up at the information table to assist the Daughters of St. Ann in their planning. Everyone is welcome to enjoy food and fellowship as we wrap up and clean up from the Christmas season.



GIFT BEARERS AT MASS



Have you scheduled a Mass for a loved one and plan to be at the Mass? Do you and your family want to be involved in the Mass but are unsure how? Bringing the gifts of bread and wine forward during the Mass is open to anyone at either Our Lady or St. Ann. Please see an usher to request a certain date and Mass or just check with one of them when you arrive. The ushers and Father would be glad to have you assist.





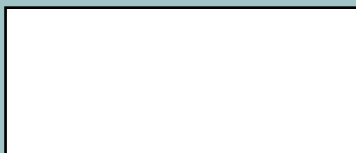
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