



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

February 25, 2024 | 2ND 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:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm

30 minutes before weekday Mass

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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



Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Lent

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to

surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

— **Stewardship Reflections**
by **Catholic Stewardship**
Consultants



RITE OF ELECTION AT THE CATHEDRAL

Gavin Palmer, our collaborative's Catechumen, was presented to Bishop Edward Lohse at St. Augustine Cathedral this past Sunday. Gavin will receive the Sacraments of Initiation and officially join our Catholic community on April 7, 2024 during the 9:30 am Mass at St. Ann.



Lenten Hygiene Drive

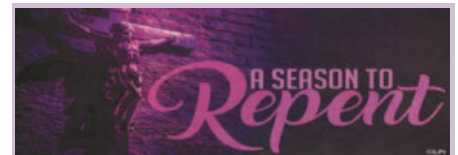
The Annual Hygiene Drive is now taking place and the Our Lady Religious Education students are asking parishioners to support them in their Annual Hygiene Drive to assist the Edwardsburg Food Pantry.

March 3: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash

March 10: Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Razors (for women and men)

March 17: Moisturizers, Chapstick, Kleenex, T. P., and other paper products

March 24: Baby Care Items, Diapers, Baby Wipes



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each weekday before Mass at Our Lady and St. Ann. Saturday confessions at Our Lady are from 3:30 - 4:00 pm. The Communal Penance Service will be on March 20th at:
Noon -St. Ann
7:00 pm (new time)-Our Lady
Appointments can also be made by calling the parish office.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24

4:30 pm | Aaron Quimby

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am | Cindy Matthews

11:00 am | Joe Linton

Monday, February 26

9:30 am |

Wednesday, February 28

9:30 am | NO MASS

Friday, March 1

9:30 am | 1st Friday Memorial List

Saturday, March 2

4:30 pm |

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am | Carolyn Vogel

11:00 am | Linda DeBroka

OUR LADY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tim & Janice Ackerson, Vicenta Baker, Marilyn Cobb, Ryan Clark, Dale Deditch, Lenni DeCraene, Dorothy Derringer, Maryann Dobransky, Ed Drone, Bob and Eva Jenkins, Pat LaBre, Frank Napowocki, Debra Swiental, Ryan Vogel, and all those in our prayer intention book!

PRAY WITH THE HALLOW APP THIS LENT

The Hallow App has spiritual learning for the whole family. Don't forget to check out the daily Gospel meditation and music too! Go to Hallow.com/pray to find out more.

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for February 18

Budgeted Weekly YTD

Total Actual Year To Date

100-Year \$100,000 Campaign

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

.....\$6,400.00

.....\$5,047.13

.....\$217,600.00

.....\$201,397.79

.....\$46,245.66

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, February 24

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, February 25

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Confirmation Class

Monday, February 26

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 pm Bishop Barron *The Creed*

Friday, March 1

8:30 am Holy Hour and Benediction

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 3

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

9:45 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

PLEASE NOTE: No Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday for the parish collaborative this week.

Please pray for Fr. Raj and all the priests in our Diocese who will be away for a Retreat this week.

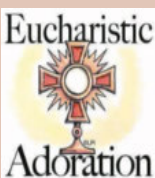
May they come back to their parishes renewed and refreshed to shepherd their flocks!!!



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

ADORATION, BENEDICTION +
MASS AT OUR LADY

8:30 AM ON MARCH 1



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, March 1 at the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady.

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 25

9:30 am | Chester Grzeskiewicz

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 am | NO MASS

Friday, March 1

12:00 pm |

Sunday, March 3

9:30 am |

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, February 25

After Mass Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am Bishop Barron *The Creed*

Friday, March 1

12:00 Noon Mass / 12:30 pm Stations of the Cross / 1:00 pm Simple Lunch

Sunday, March 3

9:30 am RE Mass and Class

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Frank & Vickie Kalina, Gene Karnes, David Kuemin, Michael Lasiewicz, Carla Novotny, Mike Petersen, Tony Rosser, Bud & Maryanne Scheibelhut, Vance Stratton, and all those in our prayer intention book!

St. Ann's Birthday Blessings



February 25

Birthday Blessing at Mass
Birthday Cake, Coffee and
Fellowship to follow Mass

ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for Feb 11

Budgeted Weekly YTD

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$2,330.00

.....\$1,632.00

.....\$79,220.00

.....\$82,078.00

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All donations collected at Our Lady & St. Ann during the Friday meals and Coffee & Donuts/Birthday Celebrations will be donated to the Rice Bowl.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please use the specially designated envelopes in your church envelope packet for the purpose of arranging Easter Flower Memorials at Our Lady and St. Ann. St. Ann envelopes can be found in the February mailing packet and the Our Lady envelopes can be found in the March packet. Extra Easter Flower Offering envelopes may be found at the church entrances. For each deceased person (or couple) you would like remembered, we suggest an offering of \$5 or more. Please PRINT the names on the front of the Easter Flower Envelope and drop the envelope into the collection basket. As in the past, the list of names enrolled through the Easter Flower Memorial will be inserted in the bulletin for Easter Sunday. To this end, Easter Flower Memorials must be submitted by Palm Sunday, March 24th. The church decorating coordinators will order the plants and flowers according to this year's Easter design plan.

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN invites you to a Women's Lenten Day of Reflection: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist*, Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Register by emailing KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM.

SALAD SMORGASBORD & STYLE SHOW THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 AT 6:30 PM EDWARDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Tickets for the Smorgasbord & Style Show are \$9.
Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
Tickets can be purchased at the Edwardsburg Presbyterian Church. Call (269) 663-6815 for more information.

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STATIONS AND "SIMPLE LUNCH" AT ST. ANN

Join the community of St. Ann on Fridays at 12:30 pm for the popular devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to stay for a simple meatless lunch immediately after.



SOUP AT 6:00 PM

STATIONS AT 6:30 PM

Come to Our Lady on Friday evenings during Lent and enjoy a simple soup supper in the Social Hall and then go to the church to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us with the Stations of the Cross. The Hospitality Ministry will host on Friday, March 1.



100-Year Closing Mass will take place on June 16 at the 11:00 am Mass. Bishop Lohse will celebrate Mass with us. You are invited so mark your calendars now!

SAUSAGE DINNER

Sat. March 2 5:00-7:30 pm
St. Anthony's Church
509 W. 4th St. Buchanan

Meal includes sausage, noodles, potatoes, cabbage, roll and dessert.
 Presale \$12 /at the door \$15



TREE OF LIFE

Let us continue to explore the symbol of the Tree of Life and how it connects to Christ's Paschal Mystery and to the themes of life, death, and resurrection that are a part of our everyday lives.

Second Sunday of Lent

Our own lives, like the Tree of Life, are nurtured by the grace of God and by the love and support of others. We grow into the image and likeness of God, by whom we were created and formed. During this Lenten Season, we open ourselves more fully to the light of love that surrounds us.



SATURDAY, APRIL 20
6:00 PM

OUR LADY'S SOCIAL HALL

Come for fun and prizes!

Take this opportunity to show off your family's knowledge with Our Lady's Family Trivia night on April 20th. Up to 8 players on a team for only \$25. Looking to join a team with fellow parishioners? Sign up at the registration table. Registration forms can be found in the gathering spaces at Our Lady and St. Ann.

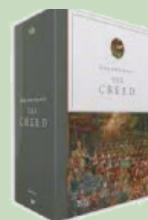


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BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED

10 AM AT ST. ANN
6:00 PM AT OUR LADY
ON TUESDAYS!

At five years old, Thomas Aquinas is said to have posed to his catechism teacher the question of all questions, "But, Master, what is God?" Come hear and see how Bishop Barron leads us to this answer in The Creed. Episode 2 is titled *God the Father Almighty*. This session will focus on One God, the Creator, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Everyone is welcome. Even if you miss a session along the way there will be something in every session to help you grow in your understanding of our Catholic faith.



Come learn more
on Tuesday!




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