Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

MARCH 10, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community

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Rectory and Parish Office:
269-699-5870

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

St. Ann Parish Community

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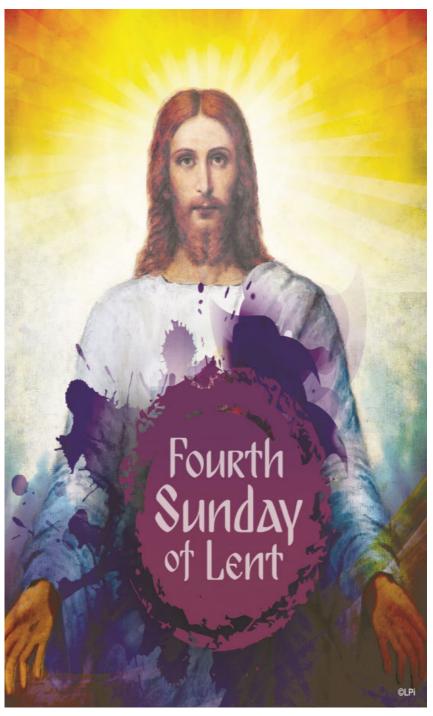
Website: www.stanncass.com Parish Office: 269-445-3000

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Lent

It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that need to recognize God's gifts everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son

Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God's gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said. "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God's gifts." We and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our aratitude.

 Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship **Consultants**



ST. ANN CHRISTIAN SERVICES

St. Ann Parish has a wonderful reputation for helping those in need. The parish community offers spiritual growth, friendship and monetary assistance for the basic needs of people in the

community and beyond. We now offer a simpler way to donate to this fund. In your mailed contribution envelope packet, as well as on the tables at each entrance, you will notice a new purple SACS envelope. Any donations placed in this envelope will be restricted to help those in need. The SACS ministry members work together with the Finance Council to distribute the donations appropriately. Thank you for ongoing support to help those less fortunate.

FR. RAJ'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday March 12 is Fr. Raj's birthday. Come for cake and help Fr. Raj celebrate his birthday on March 10 after the 11 am Mass at Our Lady.

St. Ann will help Fr. Raj celebrate at the March Birthday Blessings & Celebration Sunday which will be held on March 17. (This is an earlier date because of Holy Week.)

SAINTS IN THE NARTHEX

Come meet our Confirmation students and share your smile on Sunday, March 17th as they present and display their Saint Reports in the Narthex after each Sunday Mass at Our Lady. Each student will share with you why they have chosen that particular saint as their role model.

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

SYNOD QUESTIONS

The Synod of Bishops, which met last fall in Rome, has asked for an additional small round of consultations with two new questions.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host Conversations in the Spirit which will follow a process very similar to the listening sessions held in 2022.

Sun. March 17 1:00 - 3:00 pm St. Joseph Parish - St Joseph (Rose Center, 301 Wayne St.)

Thur. March 21 6:30 - 8:00 pm St. Thomas More Student **Parish**

ATTENTION WOMEN OF **OUR LADY!**

Come to 9:30 am Mass and then join the meeting to hear about all of the activities the Women of Our Lady (WOOL) are working

ALL WOMEN WELCOME! MON., MARCH 18 - 10:00 AM OUR LADY'S NARTHEX

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

Saturday, March 9

4:30 pm | Eugene Dobransky

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

9:30 am |

Wednesday, March 13

9:30 am | Adeline DeSchepper

Friday, March 15

9:30 am |

Saturday, March 16

4:30 pm | Carol Knoll

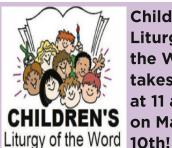
Sunday, March 17

8:00 am | Ernest Piechocki 11:00 am | Joe Linton

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!



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at 11 am Mass on March

OUR LADY FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount

Collection for March 3 \$6,235.25

Budgeted Weekly YTD

.....\$230,400.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$213,450.67

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100-Year \$100,000 Campaign

.....\$46,245.66

Saturday, March 9

10:00 am Confirmation Retreat

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 10

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Fr. Raj's Birthday Celebration Noon

Monday, March 11

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 pm Bishop Barron The Creed

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

Friday, March 15

9:00 am Adoration/Confession

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

3:30 pm Confession

Sunday, March 17

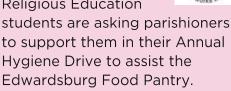
Donuts, Coffee & Conversation After Masses Saints' Presentations

9:45 am Religious Education

11:00 am RE Mass

LENTEN HYGIENE DRIVE

The Annual Hygiene Drive is now taking place and the Our Lady Religious Education



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

March 17: Moisturizers.\$6,400.00 Chapstick, Kleenex, T. P., and other paper products

> March 24: Baby Care Items, Diapers, Baby Wipes



ST. ANN MASS **SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 10 9:30 am | Barbara Scalise Tuesday, March 12 9:30 am | Vocations Sunday, March 17 9:30 am l

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, March 10

9:30 am Rel. Ed. Mass and Class

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am Adoration/Confession 10:00 am Bishop Barron The Creed

Friday, March 15

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross

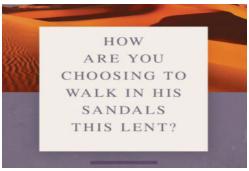
1:00 pm Simple Lunch

Sunday, March 17

9:30 am Rel. Ed. Mass and Class After Mass Birthday Celebrations

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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



ST. ANN FINANCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Budgeted Weekly Amount\$2,330.00 Collection for March 3\$2,367.00 **Budgeted Weekly YTD**\$83,880.00

Total Actual Year To Date

.....\$85,843.00

Give online at: stanncass.com

A MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE FOR THE **EDWARDSBURG FOOD PANTRY (EFP)**

Anonymous donors have offered a matching gift of up to \$11,000 for the Edwardsburg Food Pantry as a Lenten Challenge. Donate to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry during Lent to help them receive this extra \$11,000 donation. Checks must be made payable to:



Edwardsburg Food Pantry

Edwardsburg Food Pantry, or EFP and can be mailed to: EFP, 24832 US12, Edwardsburg, MI 49112. Special EFP gift envelopes (with orange trim) are available at Our Lady church entrances.

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORY CONTEST

Cass County Right to Life will host the local high school oratory contest on April 14. This is open to all high school students in Cass County. Each contestant must research, write and present a 5-7 minute prolife speech. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 1, 2024. Prize money will be awarded to each winner at the Local, State and National levels of the contest. More information and the student application form can be found at church or https://rtl.org/school-student-resources/oratory-contest/.

Easter Candy and Basket Items Needed

Our Lady of the Lake will once again have an Easter Egg Hunt followed by the Blessing of the Easter Food and Easter Basket giveaways. Please assist by bringing bags of individually wrapped candy that will fit inside the little plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt as well as items to make Easter Baskets for both children and adults. Please place items in the basket near the Welcome Center at Our Lady by Sunday, March 17.

HOLY THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

The commemoration of the Last Supper has many significant components that include the institution of the Eucharist THURSDAY and the washing of the disciples' feet - a task

usually relegated to a servant. This is an act of humility and service that we, as followers of Jesus, are asked to imitate. Please consider making a gesture of humility and service by participating in this special rite at either St. Ann or Our Lady. To say yes to this invitation for Holy Thursday Mass on March 28 at 7 pm, call your parish office or put your name on this article and place it in the collection basket or sign up in the church gathering space.

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

HOLY

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LOOKING AHEAD TO **EASTER WEEKEND**

As you make your Easter plans, here is the schedule for Easter weekend activities and Masses for our collaborative.

-OUR LADY OF THE LAKE-

March 30th at 11:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th at 11:15 am Blessing of the Easter Baskets and Easter Food

March 30th, Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 9:00 pm

March 31st, Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

- ST. ANN CHURCH -

March 31st, Easter Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

ENHANCE YOUR LENT

During Lent, take some time to renew your relationship with God and grow closer to Him. Plan to arrive early and stay till the end of each Mass - giving the Lord your full and complete attention. Remember that our hymns are based on the scriptures and are sung to give Glory to God. Even if you can't sing, open your hymnal and pray the words with fellow parishioners.

BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED

All can come and learn more about the meaning in the words we pray when we say the Nicene Creed.

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

TREE OF LIFE



During the season of Lent, it is our hope that as a parish community we 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The **Tree of Life** orients itself to the sunshine and rain that comes from God, just as we aim towards the gift of eternal life with God. We know that gift depends on our ongoing conversion, and we answer the Lenten call to repentance and conversion, trusting that our loving God is rich in mercy and compassion.



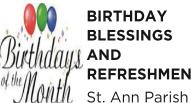
Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good confession? Our collaborative Penance service is a great way to come back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Ann - Wed., March 20th NOON

Our Lady - Wed., March 20th 6:30 pm

The service is a blend of prayer, Scripture, brief homily, an examination of conscience and approaching the priest for confession and the absolution prayer. All are invited to prepare for Easter in this meaningful way.





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS AND **REFRESHMENTS**

Community enjoys celebrating birthdays! During Mass on March 17, Fr. Raj will honor all those who celebrate a birthday in March by asking them to stand for a special blessing. After Mass, be sure to stay for refreshments which will include cake for everyone to enjoy. You can also add your name to the birthday board located in the Fellowship Hall.

(Earlier date because of Holy Week.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **& SIMPLE MEALS**

FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. Ann - 12:30 pm **Stations then Simple Meal**

Our Lady - 6:00 pm **Soup Dinner then Stations**



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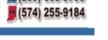




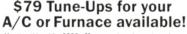
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