



# *Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann Parish Collaborative*

*Pastor: Fr. Raj J. Nathan*

## ***Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community***

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

### **Mass Times at Our Lady:**

Saturday 4:00 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 3:00 - 3:30 pm

30 minutes before weekday Mass

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### **Mass Times at St. Ann:**

Sunday and Tuesday 9:30 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

30 minutes before weekday Mass

The Spirit  
drove Jesus  
out into the  
desert, and he  
remained in  
the desert  
for forty days,  
tempted by  
Satan.

He was among  
wild beasts, and  
the angels  
ministered  
to him.

*Mark 1:12,13*

The Temptation of Christ by the Devil  
by Felix Joseph Barrias, 1860



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

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### Priest Retreat

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



February 22 - 25 for a Convocation Retreat. May they come back to their parishes renewed and refreshed to shepherd their flocks!!!



### Weekday Mass Schedule Change

While Fr. Raj is away, all Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be cancelled.

This week, St. Ann will have a Communion Prayer Service on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Adoration will follow. Our Lady will have Mass on Friday at 9:30 am.



### An In-Home Retreat for Married Couples

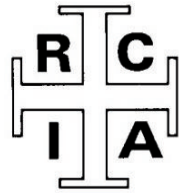
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#### Free Until March 31!

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the *Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar* is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021. Click [here](#) to register.

This free access is made possible by a grant from *Communication Center*, the nation's largest distributor of Catholic religious education materials.



### Rite of Election

This weekend the Rite of Election will be celebrated in cathedrals around the world. Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and Candidates for Full Communion (those previously baptized and preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation) will be presented to their bishop and "elected" for the Easter sacraments.

Aidan Bickel is our Candidate from Our Lady of the Lake/St. Ann Parish Collaborative and he will be presented to Bishop Paul Bradley at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo at 1:30 pm on February 21.

Please keep Aidan and his sponsor Jeff Kozinski in your prayers as they begin this final period of preparation, and plan to celebrate with them at the Easter Vigil.



### Our Lady of the Lake Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021  
Budgeted Weekly Amount.....\$7,040.00  
Collection for February 14<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,698.00  
Budgeted Weekly YTD.....\$225,280.00  
Total Actual Year To Date.....\$235,154.38  
(WeShare –weekly online giving is reported in budgeted and actual amounts)

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

### Mass Schedule

#### St. Ann

Sunday, February 21

9:30 am Joe Gregory

Tuesday, February 23

9:30 am Communion Prayer Service

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am Valerie Coates

#### Our Lady of the Lake

Saturday, February 20

4:00 pm Charles T. Hurley

Jan Kairis

Donald O'Brien

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Loisjean Fackelman

James Arthur Shields

11:00 am For the Parish

Monday, February 22

9:30 am NO MASS

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 pm NO MASS

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 am NO MASS

Friday, February 26

9:30 am Mary Ellen Shay Clifford

Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Amella Dorn

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am John Grohowski

11:00 am For the Parish



### Stations of the Cross

Friday

St. Ann - 12:30 pm

Our Lady - 7:00 pm

### St. Ann Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021  
Budgeted Weekly Amount.....\$1,950.00  
Collection for February 14<sup>th</sup>.....\$2,229.00  
Budgeted Weekly YTD.....\$62,400.00  
Total Actual Year To Date.....\$82,977.32

<https://diokzoo.org/parish-fund>



## We Thirst for You, O Lord: Meditations for Lent

This week begins our Lenten Program with the booklet, *We Thirst For You, O Lord*. Each week of Lent features two pages which provide thoughtful reflections based on the Sunday readings, questions to ponder, Catechism connections, signs of the season, family activities, and prayers. This Lenten resource shares information to help Catholics experience a deeply meaningful Lent, including an examination of conscience, how to make a good confession, and the Stations of the Cross with Scripture suggestions for meditation. Be sure to take the booklet home today, and spend some time this week in reflection. This booklet is available for our parish collaborative at each church entrance.

### Little Black Books for the Season of Lent

*It takes just six minutes a day to read, pray and meditate. Enjoy spending this quiet time with the Lord during this, one of the holiest of seasons. The booklets are in baskets near the church entrances.*

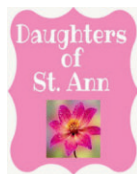


## Bishop Barron Comes to Flocknote

Access the entire *Word on Fire* digital video library through your Flocknotes. You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device! Go to the bottom of your Flocknote and click on "My Info" and then click on the pink bar to get to the library. Find information on the saints, homilies, and movies to grow deeper in faith. This special resource is available during the season of Lent.

### 25-DAY LENTEN CHALLENGE COMING IN MARCH

There still is time to sign up through Flocknote to have a daily challenge sent to your email or text. These 25 challenges are just another way to help us turn our focus on what is important this Lenten Season. Call the office if you need assistance.



## Thank You

Fr. Raj thanks those who support the Daughters of St. Ann and the Women of Our Lady (WOOL). Last week, the ministries combined their resources and presented Fr. Raj with a Sick Kit so that he could go administer Last Rites to those in need. Fr. Raj thanks the Daughters and the Women of Our Lady for all they do for the parishes.



## Why are there constant references to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent?

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are considered the "big three" of Lenten practices. Together they become the complete package – reminding us to focus on our relationship with God (prayer), our need for transformation (fasting) and our connection to others, especially the poor and vulnerable (almsgiving). These practices remind us to keep a balance in the way we treat Lent as a preparation for the new life we all put on at Easter. We can tailor these practices to whatever challenges and helps us the most; since, for example, we each find different forms of prayer most compelling. However, we ought to consider choosing practices from all three disciplines.



## Deepest Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers, George Streeter from Our Lady of the Lake who has recently passed away. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends. **May He Rest In Peace.**



GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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Lenten Hygiene  
Drive



The Annual Hygiene Drive is now taking place and the collaborative's Religious Education students are asking the parishes to support their local food pantries. The items donated at Our Lady will go to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry and those donated at St. Ann will go to Helping Hands in Cassopolis. The drive will last throughout Lent. Hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, dish soap and laundry soap will be greatly appreciated. Please leave the items in the bins at the church entrances.



Welcome and  
God Bless!

Congratulations to Patrick and Aislinn Cunningham who were baptized last week at Our Lady. May God always bless them and their family as they walk in the way of the Lord.



St. Ann Adoration  
Tues., February 23  
10 - 11:30 am

Come join us at St. Ann for a Communion Service at 9:30 am followed by Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with closing prayers at 11:30 am. The Rosary is recited at 10:30 am and there are resources on the back table for your use during silent prayer. Plan to join us during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann Parish Directory

### Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am - Noon

In addition, appointments anytime

Monday - Friday

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### THINK SPRING!! A Lenten project for you or the whole family!

The Prayer Blanket Team has been busy providing blankets to people in our community who are in need of support. Thanks to the generous support of folks who helped us make blankets during Advent, we've shared over 70 of our blankets with: The Breast Cancer Society, Child Protective Services, 25 fire victims, a family involved in a devastating car accident, and others in our parishes who have been experiencing illness.

Making blankets is fun and extremely simple! You can involve the whole family in a project or make one by yourself. Our youngest helper was 4 years old!! We hope that you can help us replenish our supply by making a blanket or two at home and donating it to the church. Our instructions are simple – purchase 1.5 yards of fleece (preferably spring colors) and follow the instructions posted on Our lady of the Lake's and St. Ann's websites or pick up some instructions in the Narthex. **You can also make your own Lenten prayer blanket by using purple fleece and using it during your prayer and devotion time!** If you have any questions, please contact Carol Swope at 269-445-7425!

#### **Pray for those who suffer from illness:**

**St. Ann:** Tony Brooks, Sadur Canca, Kayla Churchill, David Coover, Julie Diehl, Nick Dupuis, Kim Fitzgerald, Fr. Bob Flickinger, Adelyn & Evelyn Herman, Ashley Jackman, Cornell & Juana James, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Paula Kelly, Dennis Kuemin, Patricia McCauslin, Phyllis Mosher, Carla Novotny, Mike Petersen, Tim Richard, Tony Rosser, Scalise Family, Bud Scheibelhut, Sharon Seiler, Donavan Sickmiller, Bob Smith, Larry Van Lue

**Our Lady:** Tim Ackerson, Vicenta Baker, Virginia Bazner, John Braniff, JoAnne Burrows, Tom and Joan Clauss, Rich Chakan, Marilyn Cobb, Lenni DeCraene, Maryann Dobransky, Edward Drone, Naomi Filpus, Fr. Bob Flickinger, Tom Flickinger, Dave Garwood, Kim Hartman, Jack & Carol Hayes, Eva Jenkins, David Keck, Pat Kieffer, Bill LaBre, Trey Lax, Rocky Lozano, Melvin Monette, Jamie North, Vicki Quinlan, Erin Rans, Kathryn Schenk, Butch Seidner, Lora Spaulding, Gail Vogel, Richard Wood, Ann & Todd Ziegert

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