



Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann Parish Collaborative

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reaching out to one another,
through prayer, service and friendship.*

Mass Times at Our Lady:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

6:30 pm - Tuesday

9:30 am - Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

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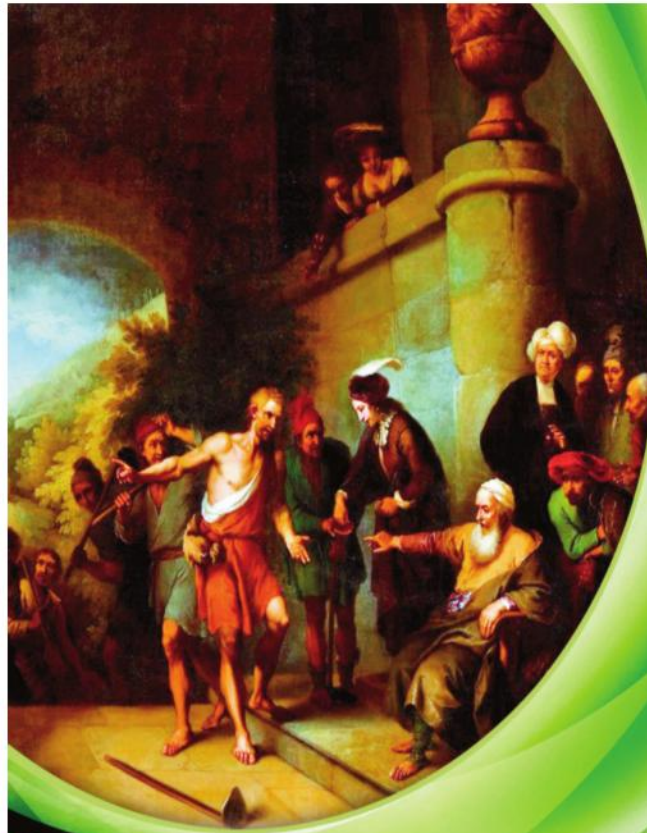
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Mass Times at St. Ann:

Sunday and Thursday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:15-16

The Pharisees Question Jesus by James Tissot, between 1896 & 1894
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Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES: 3 pm on Monday
submit to cantos2@comcast.net

FROM PADRE

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to cause havoc in the world and is the source of great anxiety in our everyday life. Senseless violence takes more lives in our large cities and even in our local mall in Mishawaka. A very negative and divisive political campaign fills our news and social media. Another powerful hurricane strikes with great damage along the coast of Louisiana, Alabama and parts of Mississippi. And the Detroit Lions blow another fourth quarter lead and lose again.

With all this happening, how can we begin to brighten our view of the world, and infuse a more positive vision of life, and ultimately create a more positive environment? I offer six ways that may help us. These are ideas from a Doctor Gregory Lanz in an article posted on **Psychology Today**, September 24, 2014.

1. **PRACTICE GRATITUDE:** Try to focus away from the negative and list things in your mind for which you are grateful. Keep a daily gratitude journal and write down or digitally put down the things you are blessed with. Find a "gratitude partner" to share each day a positive blessing you are grateful for.
2. **TWO STEPS FORWARD:** It is not easy in today's world to stop the negative flow of thoughts. See if you can catch yourself falling into negative and judgmental thoughts and counter it with a positive thought.
3. **POSITIVE POSTURE:** If you are struggling to move your mind into a more positive perspective, try moving your body there first. Try standing up straight, shoulders back, chin held high, and stretching your arms out as wide as you can. Feel powerful. Feel positive.
4. **SMILE:** Try to trick your mind into being more positive by smiling. The simple act of smiling can instantly change the way you feel internally. Smile at others, you may even get a smile back. Even with a mask your eyes can create a wonderful smile.
5. **DITCH THE CRABS:** Surround yourself with positive people. If you put a crab in a bucket, it will easily climb out. But if you put a second crab in the bucket, neither of them will escape. Once one starts to escape, the other will pull it back down into the bucket. If you are surrounded by a bucketful of negative crabs, it may be a time to evaluate your friends.
6. **DO SOMETHING KIND:** Strive to do one nice thing for someone else each day. Call a family member or friend in need of a kind word, compliment a stranger, go out of your way to help another complete a task or "pay it forward" in a Starbucks line. It is up to us to make each day positive. Go for it!

Padre

**Adoration
at St. Ann
Thursday, Sept. 24
after 9:30 am Mass**

St. Ann Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
Budgeted Weekly Amount.....\$1,950.00
Collection for September 13th...\$3,085.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD.....\$21,450.00
Total Actual Year To Date.....\$28,760.31

Mass Schedule

St. Ann

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am For the Parish

Thursday, September 24

9:30 am Prayer Group's Prayer List

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Betty Biek

Our Lady of the Lake

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Dale & Dorothy Fancher

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am Fred Odusch

11:00 am For the Parish

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 pm

Friday, September 25

9:30 am Fred Odusch

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm Richard DeSchepper

Beverly Horter

Tom Kanczuzewski

Ervin Swift

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am Frieda Chmielewski

Dolores Doyle

Elaine Matthews

Nelson Vogel, Sr.



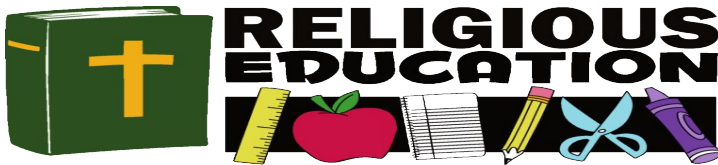
DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Marilyn Schumacher from Our Lady. May God give peace and comfort to her family.

May She Rest In Peace

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
Budgeted Weekly Amount.....\$7,040.00
Collection for September 13th...\$5,074.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD.....\$77,440.00
Total Actual Year To Date.....\$80,908.00
(WeShare -weekly online giving is reported in budgeted and actual amounts)



Religious Education News

Religious Education will begin on Sunday, October 4th. Children can enter the building at the Social Hall entrance at 9:30 am. Classes for 1st - 8th grade will be 9:45 - 10:45 am. Registration packets should arrive this week. Students receiving 1st Communion should have received a packet of information already about the 1st communion retreat. **Confirmation classes will begin in January and meet most Sunday mornings.**

This quote from Padre's homily along with previous homilies can be found by going to the parish websites.

"Forgiveness does more good for us than for the one we forgive because it sets us free."

~Padre~

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Living the Mission of the Eucharist

STRONG PARISHES = STRONG DIOCESE

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL | 2020
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Bishop's Annual Appeal - 2020

Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2020, has just now officially begun. Given our current circumstances, Bishop Bradley has approved a significant change for this year's appeal; after a parish has reached 50 percent of its goal, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish. The hope with this change is to allow parishes to remain strong centers of worship, faith formation and service to their communities; because as we know *Strong Parishes equal a Strong Diocese*. This year's theme of "Living the Mission of the Eucharist" is powerfully expressed in the three diocesan priorities: 1) Fostering Priestly Vocations; 2) Accompanying Families toward Holiness; and 3) Activating Missionary Disciples. Learn how your donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports these priorities at diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal. This year you can see the Bishop's 2-minute video at this site and other videos and graphics that will be updated weekly. The Bishop's letter and pledge card should arrive in the mail this week. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and financial support.

REFLECT ON READINGS FOR SEPT. 20

FIRST READING

While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

SECOND READING

In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?



A Word of Gratitude

From my first day at Our Lady, the people of this parish family welcomed me with warmth and kindness. You let me try new musical ideas, you let me grieve with you in the loss of a loved one, and celebrate the marriage of your children. We've prayed together, sung together, marked the feasts of the Church year together, and during these long months of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suffered together. There is no question in my mind, the Holy Spirit called me to serve this parish family.

So often, one of you would come to me after Mass to thank me for the music. I received so many kind emails during the weeks without public Mass that the recordings I sent out to the parish helped your family celebrate the Lord's Day. I am very honored to know that I have been able to serve you well. Your joy, your warmth, your commitment to serving our community, and your love of singing have been a treasured grace to me. This parish family has been a gift to me, and I am profoundly grateful.

In early February, I received another call. I was being invited to lead the choral and voice department at Grand Rapids Community College. The offer came both as news of great joy with a distinct sadness. While I would have the privilege of teaching college students from all walks of life, I would have to say goodbye to my high school students and to the parish family that I had only just begun to serve. As we begin the search for a new music minister, I will continue to serve with music for the weekend Masses through October.

I will miss this parish family very much, but I will never forget you. I echo the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I will always pray with joy!" Truly, every time I pray for this parish family, I will always pray with joy. Thank you for inviting me to serve you.

With love and gratitude,
-Caleb



We Are All Trauma Survivors

For billions of people across the globe, there is a shared trauma experience occurring right now from the COVID-19 pandemic and social unrest. This experience has altered, for so many, the way they live each day and maybe even their view of the world, self and relationships. So many are struggling to make sense of all that is going on around us. Many will come out on the other side, as newly identified trauma survivors, never having experienced trauma before. Even if you don't immediately identify or understand this time as a period of trauma – I think most can at least relate to some feeling of looming danger and lack of safety and stability in life – that is trauma.

Did you know there can actually be power in identifying as a trauma survivor? Did you know that identifying or owning the title of a trauma survivor can be an opportunity to build further resilience for yourself? Regardless of where you are in the process of your own mental health, you might even start believing that being a trauma survivor brings you some superpowers. What if you suddenly could believe – "I'm a survivor!"

trauma-informed care can meet you there and help you understand that what happened to you in your life matters, that you are not bad, that your coping skills make sense given your history. You did nothing wrong! (*An excerpt from Bickel & Associates Counseling*)

Please reach out if you need help – we're all in this together and you deserve compassion, empathy, and healing for the trauma you've gone through. Call our **Stephen Ministry team** or share our information with a friend or neighbor that could use someone to talk with! SWSM Confidential # **269-445-7425**. All discussions are confidential!



Crop Walk

Sunday, October 4, 1:00-2:00 pm

Cass Co. COA 60525 Decatur Rd. Cassopolis or
Presbyterian Church 68961 Lake St, Edwardsburg, MI

Choose one of these locations and support this year's Cass County Hunger Walk. Support the local food ministry by registering as a walker and collecting pledges from friends and families or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/dowagiacmi and donate on line. Help raise money and awareness for this worthy cause.

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Monday - Friday

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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord,
gratefully acknowledging Your mercy
and humbly admitting our need,
we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire,
we respond to Your call for discipleship
by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ.

We profess that the call requires us
to be stewards of Your gifts.

As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully,
cherish and tend them in a responsible manner,
share them in practice and love with others,
and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards
and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor.

Almighty and ever-faithful God,
it is our fervent hope and prayer
that You who have begun this good work in us
will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



**Pray for those who suffer from illness
of any sort and for their families**

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St. Ann: Tony Brooks, Kayla Churchill, Kay Diehl, Nick Dupuis, Kim Fitzgerald, Cornell & Juana James, Frank & Vickie Kalina, Dennis Kuemin, Phyllis Mosher, Carla Novotny, Mike Petersen, Tim Richard, Tony Rosser, Scalise Family, Bud Scheibelhut, Bob Smith, Jackie Smith, Larry Van Lue

Our Lady: Tim Ackerson, Vicenta Baker, Doris Bartlett, John Braniff, Rich Chakan, Marilyn Cobb, Grace deBest, Lenni DeCraene, Maryann Dobransky, Dave Garwood, Kim Hartman, Sharon Hartman, Jack & Carol Hayes, Eva Jenkins, David Keck, Bill LaBre, Trey Lax, Rocky Lozano, Melvin Monette, Timothy Needham, Jamie North, Glenna Rodgers, Bud Rose, Butch Seidner, Lora Spaulding, Carter Streeter, Chris Watkins, Ann Ziegert, Todd Ziegert

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