



**“Neither do I condemn you.”**

– John 8: 11

**April 5/6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH**

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

11:30 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph  
 3:00 pm at St. James  
 4:00 pm at St. James

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Confession*  
*Confession*  
 Joseph Bell Regina Bell

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Catherine Joseph Kupchik Dorothy & Bud Williams  
 11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Delores Prelac Gombos & Jakupca Families

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest  
 Danny Price Richard & Mary Price

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. James Tom DePiore Ann DePiore  
 9:45 am at St. James Scripture Study

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm at St. Catherine Danny Price Richard & Mary Price  
*Followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Families

**Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph No Mass  
*Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 am at St. Catherine  
 3:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph  
 4:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph

**The Sixth Sunday of Lent**

*Confession*  
*Confession*  
 Elio Carocci Sandy Mason & Family

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am at St. James Ann & Andrew Semko Lyn & Dave Sonnenlitter

**Liturgical Ministers for April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> The Sixth Sunday of Lent**

**4:00pm St. Mary & St. Joseph**

**10:00 am St. James**

<b>Lectors:</b>	Lisa Kellner	<b>Narrator:</b> Sandy Mason	Pat Kichton	<b>Narrator:</b> Dave Bailey
	Pat Benetis	<b>Voice:</b>	Georgia Dungan	<b>Voice:</b> Rich Patnode
<b>EM:</b>	Ken Huber		Nancy Patnode	
<b>Server:</b>	Joe Thiry & Michael Klodt		Bailey Sprague & Gary Lippert	

**The Sixth Sunday in Lent**

*Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 (37C)*  
 First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 (38ABC)  
 Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

# **Our Lady of the Lakes**

**United In Generosity As One Global Family:**

**Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit [csrricebowl.org/week-5](http://csrricebowl.org/week-5) to learn more.**

**Church support record for the weekend of March 29/30, 2025: Offertory: \$2,470.00, Easter flowers: \$225.00.**

**Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00**

**Women's Guild Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am at St. James.**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES**

**Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults:**

**Education and Screening: All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: [doy.org/safe-environment/](http://doy.org/safe-environment/).**

**Reporting and Victim Assistance: If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.**

**Contact Information: Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388**

**Email: [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org).**

**By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy, 144 W.**

**Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503.**

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.**

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration: The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and over wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes Mass with The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

# **St. Mary & St. Joseph**

**Stewardship Reflection:** “...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things, and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8)

**The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts – our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves**

**Church Support Record: Sunday, March 30, 2025 Weekly: \$1,545.25**

**Candles: \$24.00      Easter Flowers: \$190.00      Food Pantry: \$1,300.00**

**The next Ladies Guild Meeting is Wednesday, April 9. Officers at 6:30, meeting at 7pm.**

**Our Food Pantry served 121 households with 302 people in March. Thank you!**

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**Tuesday & Thursday Lenten Discussions: Tuesday, April 8 & 15 at St. Catherine at 7:00 pm and Thursday, April 10 at St. Mary & St. Joseph at 2:30 pm.**

**Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish at 7pm on Friday, April 11, led by Joe Thiry. Come and pray the Stations of the Cross!**

**Saturday, April 12 Mass at 4:00 pm is at St. Mary & St. Joseph, NOT at St. James. Palm Sunday, April 13 Mass at 10:00 am at St. James followed by Hot Cross Buns in the social hall. This is the only Mass on Palm Sunday. There is NO 9:00am at St. Catherine or 11:00am Mass at St. Mary & St. Joseph. Saturday Confessions: On April 12 confession at St. Catherine at 11:30 am and at St. Mary & St. Joseph at 3:00 pm.**

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal:**

**It's so easy to condemn the shortcomings of others, to point the finger outward instead of looking inward. Jesus doesn't condemn. He invites us in. He doesn't exclude.**

**The people in the Gospel, those with stones in their hands, reflect on Jesus' simple but powerful statement: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” They saw guilt in themselves. But they also recognized that in stoning the adulteress they'd add yet another sin, judgment, to their list of existing wrongdoings. When they listen to Jesus, they avoid compounding sin.**

**The path Jesus lays out is a path of salvation, for all of us. All of us need His mercy. All of us need His redemptive love. We can be a bearer of this mercy and love to others when we support programs that draw others to Christ, such as the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please consider contributing to the appeal this Lent.**