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**2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—Jesus, Come to Us #622
- ***Readings**—#812 2nd Sunday of Lent~Cycle B
- ***Offertory**—Hosea #411
- ***Communion**—I Am the Bread of Life #493
- ***Recessional**—In These Days of Lenten Journey #271

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, February 25th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by Doug & Loretta Burling

****SUNDAY, March 3rd— 4:30p.m.**

- ~JoElle Lemenager by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by the Bechely Family
- ~Bob Arseneau by Ron & Carol Futcher

****SUNDAY, March 10th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller
- ~Hazen & Madeline Arseneau by Marilyn Champagne
- ~Bob Arseneau by Karen & Bill Dowling
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for February 18th	-\$1,241.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$ (144.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$163

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of
February 18th- **\$49,843.25.**

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, March 3rd @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ann

E.M.: Chris & Jennifer

Ushers: Pat & Drew

Servers: Gwaltney's

Money Counters: Andrea & Diane

Easter Lilies—You can purchase lilies for \$15 each to be used for Easter decorations on March 3 & 10 in the back of church.

**~STATIONS OF THE
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**We will have Stations
every Sunday at 3:45p.m.
before Mass during Lent.**

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Regina Penny, Pete Arseneau, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Keith Arseneau, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

Our Departed: Don Martell & Wm. Benhart Ryan

Our Service Men & Women:

- *PV 2 Colby Arseneau, Army Reserves, Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Arseneau;
- *Maj. Todd Fatka, USAR, son of Angela Jones

***Please notify the Office at 815-644-6664 if a loved one is admitted to hospital or would like to be on the prayer list or to have someone taken off the list if they are well.**

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St. Mary's Message



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2024 The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. We are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith. This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. This year St. Mary's goal is \$7,800, with 70% of any amount we raise over the goal is returned to us for our use.

ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting again on Thursday, February 22nd at the rectory from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00p.m. This year we are focusing on PRAYER. Remember—join us when you can, even if you can't make every gathering, we welcome you when you can.

Upcoming topics include:

- March 7 Nature Prayer
- March 21 Preparing for Holy Week

If you are interested in joining us, contact Sr. Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Third Sunday of Lent Time "B"

John 2:13-25

"Zeal for your house consumes me!"

How can I show better respect for sacred space, sacred time, and sacred action?

Do I wait to see "signs" from God for what he does?

Have I come to believe the Scriptures and the word that Jesus has spoken to me?

Prayer: God our Father, in his zeal for your House, Jesus, your Son manifested his devotion to you and to your holiness. Help me, during this sacred season to grow in my love for you and for the places in my life that you have made sacred by the actions of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That God may strengthen his Holy Church to always obey his life-giving commandments
 - ~That the Holy Spirit may always instill in us a profound respect and reverence for this sacred place
 - ~That the wisdom of God and the power of God may guide leaders of nations to act in justice and peace
 - ~That all people may come to believe in the name of the Lord Jesus
 - ~That all catechumens and candidates for the sacraments of initiation may be filled with the grace of new life in Christ
 - ~That the needs of our parishioners may win a hearing before God
 - ~That those who have died in Christ may know eternal life in him
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

Piggy Banks for the Martinton Food Pantry

Anyone can get piggy banks to give money for the Martinton Food Pantry in the back of church. This isn't just for the kids. We would also like to get food donations to give to the pantry. Please help by giving to others this Lenten season!!! There is a basket in the back of church to empty your banks & drop off money each week.

Upcoming Events

Donovan Ag 4-H Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2nd from 5-7p.m. at our parish hall. They will also have a silent auction going on throughout the evening. They will be serving spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, and desserts.

Tickets are \$7 each 4 year olds and under are Free.

Martinton Fire & EMS Annual Drive Thru Fish Fry Dinner

When: Friday, March 8 from 5-7pm

Cost: \$15 per dinner which includes 2 pieces of fish, fries, coleslaw, & a cookie

Eastern Illinois Food Bank Food Distribution

They will be distributing food in the hardware parking lot next to the post office the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:30-1pm. Visit eifoodbank.org for more information. You can pre-register at eifclient.com, but it is not required to preregister.

St. Anne Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Dates: Fridays, March 1 & 15 from 5-7p.m.

Where: St. Anne Parish Hall

Serving fried or baked pollock and sides. \$14 per person or \$5 for kids. Pizza is also being served.

Blood Drive at St. Mary's Hall

When: Thursday, March 21 **Time:** 2-6p.m.

For an appointment, text 815-370-9861, call and leave a message at 815-435-2249, see Diane, Judy, or Joyce at church, or go to redcrossblood.org.

Martinton Community Food Pantry

The food pantry serves all of Iroquois County. They are in need of our help. **Please continue to bring in food donations.** They are also looking for monetary donations, volunteers to help unload the trucks, and working on distribution days. If you are able to help, please call Connie Stirling at 815-867-6480.

New Hours: Tuesday 9-11a.m., No PM hours

Items Needed at the Pantry:

- Personal Hygiene Products-lotion, soap, wipes, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY PROGRAMS

◆ 1 Day Lent Retreat on March 9 from 8:30-4 at One Heart One Soul
Presenter is Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM Cost is \$35, Register by March 1st

Checks may be mailed to: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
Attn: Susan Amann
2041 W. State Route
113 Kankakee IL 60901

Please make checks payable to Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (sscm-usa.org)