



## Easter Vigil

April 4, 2026

### MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- \*Processional-Thanks be to God
- \*Readings-#826 Easter Vigil Cycle A
- \*Offertory-The Strife is O'er #336
- \*Communion-I Know that My Redeemer Lives #318
- \*Recessional-Jesus Christ is Risen Today #330

# MASS Intentions

### **\*\*EASTER VIGIL-Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> -- 8p.m.**

~Fr. Robert "Bob" Coleman by Angela Jones

~Leone Lambert by Kevin & Deb Arseneau

~Al & Linda Hubert by John & Diane Gagnon

### **\*\*Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> -- 4:30p.m.**

~John Paul Guttman by Angela Jones

~John Moore by Angela Jones

~Leland & Anita Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller

~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

### **\*\*Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> -- 4:30p.m.**

~Kenneth & Virginia Lafond by Tom & Sue Frye

~Marcia Decker by Tom & Sue Frye

~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family

~John Paul Guttman by Angela Jones

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for March 29th:	-\$1,507.00
Online Giving:	-\$170.00
Surplus for the week:	+(234.00)

Restoration: \$335-Preservation Society & \$40-collection  
Piggy Banks for the Pantry: \$355.41

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
March 29th- **\$61,988.92.**

### CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, April 12 @ 4:30p.m.

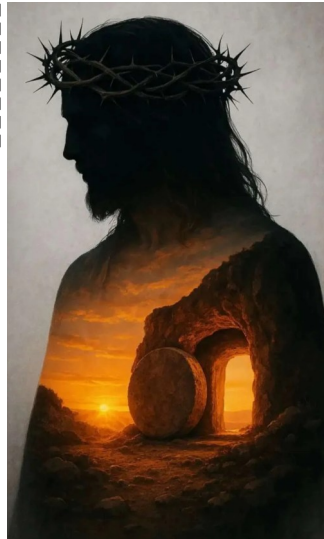
**READER:** Cheryle

**E.M.:** Duane & Chris W

**Ushers:** Joe & Pat

**Servers:** Hoberg's

**Counters:** Angela & Diane



Thanks to our  
Art & Environment Team for the  
beautiful decorations and  
Mark & the choir for the  
wonderful music!  
A big thank you to our CCW  
ladies who hosted our potluck  
dinner & egg hunt last weekend.

### **Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Kim Ripple, Lorenzo Martinez, Jerry Shortsleeve, Julie Shortsleeve, Mark Hustedt, Crystal Rabe, Stan Molter, Wade Miller, Special Intentions, Jan McVey, Willy VanWassenhove, Beverly Maurer, Shirley Guttman, John Bumbul, Angie Clement, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Cindy Jamnik, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent

**Our Departed:** Jewel Legan

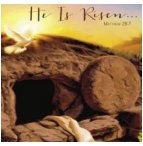
### **Our Service Men & Women:**

\*Lance Corporal Joshua Herb, U.S. Marine Corps, Step-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 the hospital or would like to be on the prayer list or to have someone taken off the list if they are well.**





# St. Mary's News



## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Octave of Easter  
"Divine Mercy Sunday"  
John 20:19-31  
"My Lord and my God!"

- On Easter Night Jesus gave me the gift of Peace-Shalom. How do I live out Jesus' peace in my life?
- On Easter Night, Jesus breathed on me that I might receive the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit lead and guide my life?
- On Easter Night, Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive sins. How do I take advantage of this gift in the Sacrament of Confession?
- Prayer: Risen Lord, Victor over sin and death, you manifested yourself to your friends, huddled in the Upper Room. Thank you for your Easter gifts of peace, the Holy Spirit, and the forgiveness of sin. Help me to receive those gifts and grow spiritually through them. Amen!
- Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That the Church, in the light of the Risen Lord, may continue to bring the Gospel to all nations
  - ~That through the forgiving love of Christ, sinners may find in the sacrament of Reconciliation the divine mercy of God
  - ~That all who lead and govern in the light of the King of Kings, may do so in justice, integrity, and peace
  - ~That all who have been reborn in water and the Holy Spirit may continue to grow in grace
  - ~That all the poor, the weak, and the suffering may find consolation in Christ crucified
  - ~That farmers who labor to bring forth life from the soil may be blessed by the Lord of the Earth
  - ~That all parishioners who turn to Jesus, our Lord and God, may find hearing from Him
  - ~That those who have died may, like the apostles in the Upper Room, encounter the very person of Christ
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

## Other Easter Services:

- ~Easter Sunday at St. Edmund's at 7:30a.m.
- ~Easter Sunday at St. Joseph's at 9:00a.m.
- ~Easter Sunday at St. Edmund's at 10:30a.m.



## LET'S GET TOGETHER for Sr. Linda's Study Group....

We will be meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm to discuss Spirituality...the French School and Beyond. Hope to see you there for our discussion group! If you have questions, contact Sister Linda at 815-931-1425 or [lhatton@sscm-usa.org](mailto:lhatton@sscm-usa.org).

## 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. 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.

# AREA EVENTS

## Parish Garage Sale

- \*\*Dropping off of items will be on Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th from 9am to 3pm. Please call Janet Loy at 815-867-7319 if you can't drop off on these two days. **\*\*No TV's or electronics**
- \*We need help setting up throughout the week. We also need help working on the days of the sale & Saturday afterwards to box everything up.

Our garage sale is on  
Thursday, April 30th from 8am to 5pm,  
Friday, May 1st from 8 am to 5pm,  
and Saturday, May 2nd from 8am to 12pm.  
\$10 Bag Sale on Friday  
\$5 Bag Sale on Saturday

\*The hall will be in use Friday, April 24 to Sunday, May 3 for the garage sale. No one else can use it at that time.

## 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:

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| Canned Fruit | Flavored Rice      |
| Pasta        | Paper Towels       |
| Pasta Sauce  | Scalloped Potatoes |