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**3RD SUNDAY
 OF LENT
 MARCH 3, 2024**

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—Remember Your Love #417
- ***Readings**—#815 3rd Sunday of Lent—Cycle B
- ***Offertory**—Softly & Tenderly #414
- ***Communion**—Let Us Break Bread Together #488
- ***Recessional**—We Remember #588

Mass Intentions

****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
- ~Donald & Joyce Martell by Angie Clement

****SUNDAY, March 17th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Bob Arseneau by Judy Taron & Family
- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Virginia “Maggie” Ruda by the Bechely Family

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for February 25th	-\$1,597.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$ (212.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$30

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of February 25th- **\$51,440.25.**

Easter Lilies

You can purchase lilies for \$15 each to be used for Easter decorations on March 3 & 10

The CCW will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The CCW ladies will supply the meat. Please RSVP to Ryan so we can have a count.

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

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, March 10th @ 4:30p.m.

- READER:** Angie
- E.M.:** Diane & Erin
- Ushers:** Tom & Delaney
- Servers:** Houberg's
- Money Counters:** Angela & Nancy

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Web Bohn, 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.**





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, March 7th 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.

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.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Lent Time "B"

John "3:16"

"God loved the world so much!"

Jesus speaks with "Nick at Night." How do I fit into this conversation? How do I receive the gift of the Only Son whom the Father has sent into this world?

What really is the "light" in my life and what really is the "darkness" in my life?

Prayer: God our Father, you loved me so much that you gave me your only Son. Help me during this Lenten Season to believe more strongly in the name of your only Son, the true light who has come into the world.

Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That God may move the hearts and minds of all who have left the Church, bringing them back to His Living Temple
 - ~That God, who is rich in mercy, may bring all who are dead in sin to new life in Christ
 - ~That the poor and the neglected, the sick and the sorrowing, may know the riches of Christ through his disciples
 - ~That all may live in the light of Christ who the Father has sent into the world
 - ~That all preparing for baptism and confirmation may see the Son of Man lifted up as the source of eternal life
 - ~That God, who is rich in mercy, may hear the prayers of all of our parishioners
 - ~That the dead may not perish, but may have the fullness of life in Christ
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

Upcoming Events

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

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner

When: Friday, March 22nd from 5-7pm at St. Edmund's
Cost: Free Will Donation –includes fried or baked pollack, baked beans, coleslaw, baked potato or chips, & dessert

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: Friday, March 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)