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**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- ***Processional**—Be Thou My Vision #633
- ***Readings**—#809 1st Sunday of Lent~Cycle B
- ***Offertory**—Only a Shadow #615
- ***Communion**—Vine and Branches #514
- ***Recessional**—Forty Days and Forty Nights #263

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, February 18th— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Wm. Benhart Ryan by Sue Reichert Ryan
- ~Madeline Arseneau by Julie Baker
- ~Hazen & Madeline Arseneau by Marilyn Champagne
- ~Bob Arseneau by Don & Phyllis Savoie
- ~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by Ryan Loy & kids
- ~Victims of Domestic Violence by Angela Jones

****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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for February 11th	-\$1,233.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$ (152.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do

Restoration: \$25 in collection; \$70 Preservation

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of February 11th- **\$48,602.25.**

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, February 25th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Cheryle
E.M.: Webers
Ushers: Joe & Jim
Servers: Morris Fam
Money Counters: Rick & Beth

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 CROSS~

We will have Stations every Sunday at 3:45p.m. before Mass during Lent.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Mary DePatis, 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:

- Feb. 22 Centering Prayer
- 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

Second Sunday of Lent Time "B"

Mark 9:2-10

"Listen to him!"

How can I listen better to the Father's Beloved Son?

Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets, how can I better understand the Old Testament?

How can this story of the Transfiguration of Jesus influence my Lenten observance?

Prayer: Loving God and Father, you told me that Jesus was your beloved Son and you commanded me to listen to him. During this holy season open my mind and my heart to follow Jesus down the mountain and to follow him to Jerusalem joining with him in his death and resurrection. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That through Jesus, who transcends the Law, all who glory in his Name may find themselves just before God
 - ~That in Jesus, the fulfillment of the prophets, all the nations of the earth may find blessings
 - ~That the Gospel of Jesus, who destroyed death and brought immortality, may be preached to all nations
 - ~That all who are in need of food, clothing, or other human needs may find a generous hand and an open heart in all who follow Christ
 - ~That those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may ready themselves for new life in Christ
 - ~That our parishioners who come to Christ may, like Peter, James, and John, know the splendor of the Living God
 - ~That the dead who acknowledged Jesus as the fullness of the Law and the Prophets may come to the glory of his eternal dwelling
- 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 for a delicious spaghetti supper. They will also have a silent auction going on throughout the evening. They will be serving spaghetti with Prego sauce, green beans, garlic bread, and desserts.

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

St. Anne Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Dates: Fridays, Feb. 16, 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.

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.

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)

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