



*23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*September 10, 2023*

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \***Processional**–What is This Place #462
- \***Readings**-#919 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time–Cycle A
- \***Offertory Hymn**-Come Follow Me #558
- \***Communion Hymn**-I Am the Bread of Life #493
- \***Recessional**-In Christ There is No East or West #548



*Mass Intentions*

**\*\*SUNDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Roy Clement, Dr. Fernando & Annabell Aguila, Clarence & Isabelle Clement by Angie Clement
- ~Eugene Drummer by the Drummer Family
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Mary Arseneau by Bob & Judy Arseneau
- ~Leland & Anita Lambert by Londa Carder, & Corky & Paula Miller

**\*\*SUNDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Steve, Alan(Art), & Robert DeWitt by Kathy Webster
- ~Dean Anderson by Emilie Anderson & Family

**\*\*SUNDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

- ~Special Intentions by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Ira & Jeff Ratliff, & Diana Cailteux by Eileen Ratliff
- ~Mary Arseneau by Bernadine Kleinert

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b>Offering for September 3rd</b>	<b>-\$727.00</b>
<b>Deficit for the week:</b>	<b>-(658.00)</b>

**Times are tough, see what you can do**

**Restoration:** \$515-Preservation Donations & Dues  
\$120 in Restoration Boxes

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
September 3rd- **\$13,821.33.**

**CMAA GOAL-\$7,500 for this year**  
**Actual Amount Pledged-\$4,155**

**Religious Education News**

If you have a child 4 years or older by September 1st, and would like to enroll them in Religious Education, please contact Ryan Loy at 815-644-6664. Our first class will be Sunday, September 24 at 3p.m. We are looking forward to a great new year!!

**NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, September 17th @ 4:30p.m.**

- READER:** Angela
- E.M.:** Erin & Angela
- Ushers:** Drew & Tom
- Servers:** Grayson & Ryder
- Money Counters:** Angela & Nancy

**Altar of Remembrance**

St. Mary's will be creating an altar of remembrance again this year in memory of family and friends who have died. Please bring framed 4x6 or 5x7 pictures to place on the altar during the month of October through November 1, All Souls Day. These pictures will be available for return/pick-up in November. **Please write names of your departed loved ones in the Book of Remembrance.**

**Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Marilyn Skromme, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Rita & Jack Willier, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Bob Arseneau, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

**Our Departed:** Bernadine Buswell

**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 the hospital or would like to be on the prayer list or to have someone taken off the list if they are well.**

*I SAID A  
Prayer  
FOR YOU  
today*



# St. Mary's Message



## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~For the forgiveness that we need from the Lord and for the resolve to sin no more
  - ~For the love we need to forgive others and to let go of past wrongs and hurts
  - ~For strength for the Church of Christ as she continues the work of reconciliation
  - ~For health for the sick, substance for the hungry, and a harbor for those at sea
  - ~For all who live in the Lord, that Christ, Lord of the living and the dead, may claim them as his own
  - ~For those of our parish seeking God's forgiveness and mercy
  - ~For our beloved dead, that having been cleansed of sin through the death of Christ, they may enter into his heavenly Kingdom
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 20:1-16

"The last will be first!"

How do I handle life when it's not fair?

Am I envious of others who seem to have it better than me?

Is God fair?

Prayer: Gracious and generous Father, Jesus your Son teaches me that you know what is right and just, what is fair and appropriate. Help my narrow mind and selfish heart to see in you the generous love I should show to others. Help me rejoice in the good fortune of others. Amen!

# Upcoming Events

## Martinton Fire & EMS Day in the Park

Friday Evening, September 15 and Saturday, September 16 There will be Bingo both days, Beer tent, Tractor Pulls, Big Six, Food Pantry breakfast on Saturday 7-11 a.m., Breaking Storm Band playing Friday night 8-11 p.m. and 44 Magnum Band playing Saturday night from 8-midnight, Concessions, and a raffle.

## CCW Fall Gathering at St. Mary's in Paxton

Saturday, September 30th 9a.m. Mass  
Outdoor Rosary & Guest Speaker is Fr. Dennis Spies  
Luncheon-Free Will Donation

## Iroquois Community Center Chili & Soup Supper

Saturday, Sept. 23 from 4:30-7p.m. in Iroquois, IL  
Cost: Goodwill Donation  
You can have your choice of chili or chicken noodle soup and cornbread.

## Harvest Daze Craft Show

When: October 7th & 8th

Where: Iroquois County Courthouse Museum in Watseka

\*If anyone is able to donate baked items, jams, jellies, craft items, or garden produce for the museum bake sale it would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off on Oct. 6th or 7th from 10am to 4pm.

## St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clifton Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 24 from 11a.m. to 3p.m.  
Cost: \$13 each Dine in or Carry Out  
3 pieces of chicken(mixed), mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, a dinner roll, & cookies.

## St. Mary's Annual Halloween Carnival

We are once again having our Halloween Carnival and it is on Saturday, October 28.  
Mark your calendars!!

## Finding Miracles in Our Everyday Life

When: Sept. 14 from 10a.m.-12p.m.  
Where: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Kankakee  
Cost: \$15

## Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Zoom Meetings-You have a Spiritual Director  
When: 1st Meeting is Sept 19 from 7-8p.m.  
Cost: \$150

Register: 815-935-0800

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary  
To register, please visit our website:

<http://www.sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

For more information, contact Susan Amann  
samann@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:

Canned meats-tuna, chicken	Paper Towels
Canned Fruits	Toilet Paper
Personal Hygiene Products	Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent	Individual Water Bottles