



*21st Sunday In  
Ordinary Time*

*August 27, 2023*

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \***Processional**—Blest Be the Lord #605
- \***Readings**-#913 21st Sunday Ordinary Time~Cycle A
- \***Offertory Hymn**-Servant Song #541
- \***Communion Hymn**-Bread of Life #490
- \***Recessional**-The Summons #529

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b>Offering for August 20th</b>	<b>-\$1,572.00</b>
<b>Surplus for the week:</b>	<b>+\$ (187.00)</b>

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

**Restoration:** \$960-Preservation Donations & Dues

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of August 20th- **\$11,371.33.**

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



*Mass Intentions*

**\*\*SUNDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~JoEll Lemenager by Corky & Paula Miller

~Brittani Bury by Angela Jones

**\*\*SUNDAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Dean Anderson by Eileen Ratliff

~Hazen & Madeline Arseneau by Marilyn Champagne

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

~Roy Clement, Dr. Fernando & Annabell Aguila 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

**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. Information will be mailed out in August.

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

**SUNDAY, September 3rd @ 4:30p.m.**

**READER:** Beth

**E.M.:** Chris B & Leslie

**Ushers:** Rick & Joe

**Servers:** Colbi

**Money Counters:** Rick & Beth

**New Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers,  
Lectors, Ushers, Money Counters, and  
Servers are in the back of church.**

**Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Marilyn Skromme, Cindy Jamnik, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Rita & Jack Willier, Shirley Guttman, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Margo Reynolds, Beverly Maurer, Anna VanHolven, Tina Gooding, Jerry Shortsleeve, Bob Arseneau, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Kelly Schladenhauffen, Kim Cann, Janet Lambert, Gene Tammen, Debbie Turner, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

**Our Departed:**

**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.**





# St. Mary's News



## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That all disciples may have the courage to take up their cross and follow Jesus
- ~That, not conforming to this passing age, our bodies may be offered as a spiritual sacrifice to God as our minds are renewed
- ~That the Word of God, like fire burning in our hearts, may move all in the Church to cry out God's message to the World
- ~That those suffering today, especially those suffering because of their faith in Christ, may know the consolation of God
- ~That upon his return, the Son of Man may find us worthy of himself
- ~That all of our parishioners may come to discern the will of God and do what is pleasing in his sight
- ~That the dead may be enabled to lay down their crosses and join in the Resurrection of the Lord

Let Us Pray to the Lord

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 16:21-27

"Whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross!"

What "crosses" have I been called to take up in my life as a disciple of Jesus?

How can I "lose my life" to better follow Jesus?

Have I ever, like Peter, reacted negatively to what I hear Jesus say?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You willingly took up your horrible cross because of my sins and have demanded me to take up my cross and follow you. Help me to overcome any fear or hesitancy I may have in faithfully following you to Calvary. Amen!

Ronald McDonald House Charities sent us a thank you for a \$50 donation that we collected from pop tabs. In total over the past several years, we have donated \$490. In 2022, the charity served 11,301 children through their programs. Each night they serve up to 172 families, who on average, traveled 243 miles from home to seek medical care for their child at one of their partner hospitals. Please keep sending in those pop tabs so we can continue to donate to this great cause!

# Upcoming Events

## Poetry of Presence Online Zoom Workshop

When: Sept. 9, 16, 30 & Oct. 7 from 10-11:30am

Cost: \$45

## 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

## 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.

## 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

## St. Mary's Annual Halloween Carnival

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

Mark your calendars!!