



EASTER VIGIL
MARCH 30, 2024

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-Exsultet #303
- *Readings-#826 Easter Vigil-Cycle B
- *Offertory-Christ Be Our Light #683
- *Communion-Alleluia #1 #313
- *Recessional-Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise #317

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Weekly Parish Need for Operation: | \$1,385.00 |
| Offering for March 24th | -\$2,382.00 |
| Surplus for the week: | +\$997.00) |

Restoration:

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of March 24th- **\$61,787.50.**

Mass Intentions

****HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th - 8p.m.**

- ~Dean Anderson by Angela Jones
- ~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by Ryan Loy & Kids
- ~Bob Arseneau by Judy & Family
- ~Alan Boehrsen, Jean & Harold Loy by the Loy's

****SUNDAY, April 7th - 4:30p.m.**

- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Don Martell by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond
- ~Bob Arsenau by Eileen Ratliff

CO-MINISTERS FOR:

Sunday, April 7th @ 4:30p.m.

- READER:** Cheryle
- E.M.:** Chris & Jennifer
- Ushers:** Delaney & Rick
- Servers:** Houbert's
- Money Counters:** Rick & Beth



- ~One man cursed, one man prayed, one man promised.
- ~One died condemned, one died forgiven, one died innocent.
- ~One died in sin, one died to sin, one died for sin.
- ~One was held by death, one was released by death, one conquered death.
- ~One lost life, one gained life, one was life.

♥ Thank you Jesus for your sacrifice and Praise God we have eternal life!

May you be blessed with an Easter of Eucharistic Renewal this year and may the next fifty days of Easter joy fill your hearts and flood your minds,
Fr. Mike

Please Pray For:

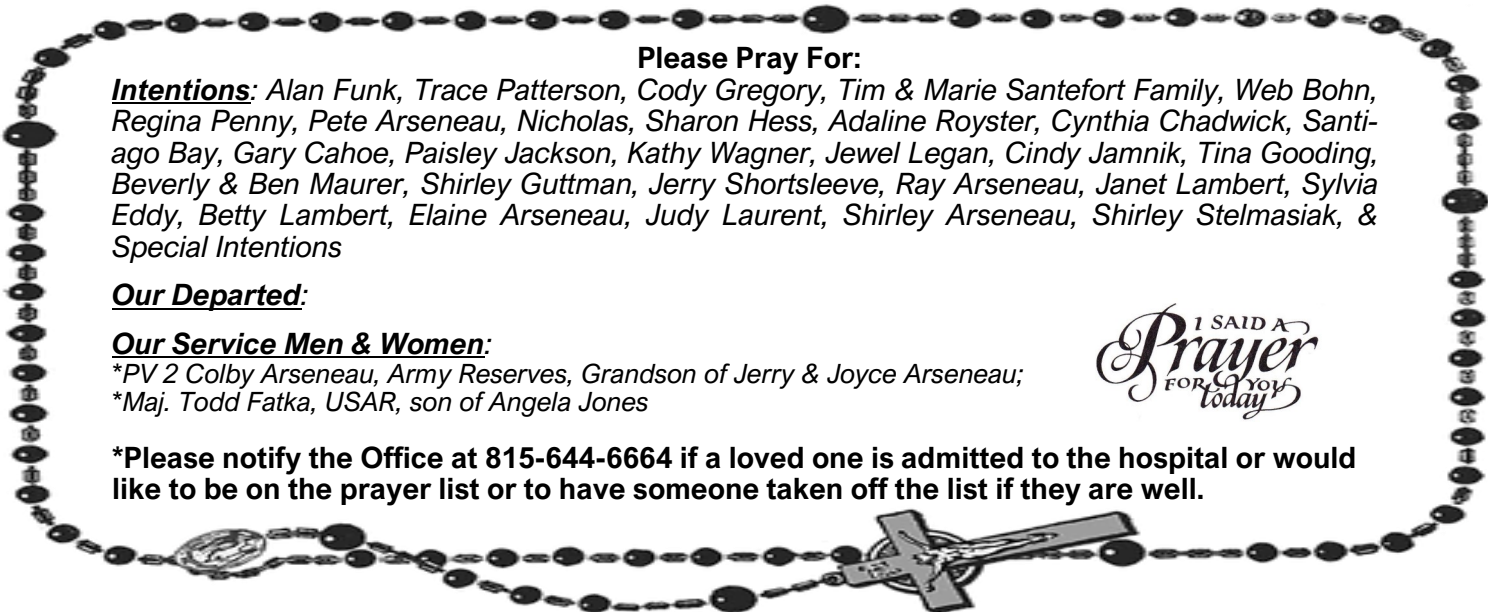
Intentions: Alan Funk, Trace Patterson, Cody Gregory, Tim & Marie Santefort Family, Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Pete Arseneau, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Gary Cahoe, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Shirley Arseneau, Shirley Stelmasiak, & Special Intentions

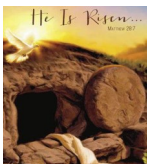
Our Departed:

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 Message



Other Easter Week 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.

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 last weekend.

ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting again on Thursday, April 4th 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: April 4th Journaling
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 Easter "Divine Mercy" Sunday!
"My Lord and My God!" John 20:19-31

On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of his peace; how can I live out that peace of Christ in my life?

On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit; how do I welcome that same Spirit into my heart today?

On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of the forgiveness of sins; how do I incorporate the Sacrament of Reconciliation into my spirituality today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you poured out your Easter gifts on your disciples on Easter night and those same gifts come to me today. Help me to gratefully acknowledge these gifts in my life today and may they always help me stay close to you, my Risen Lord. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That God may bless the community of believers with peace, the first gift of the Risen Lord
- ~That the Holy Spirit, the second gift of the Risen Lord, may strengthen the Church to bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus
- ~That forgiveness of sins, the third gift of the Risen Lord, may bring all who have doubted the Christ, who has come through both water & blood, to fullness of faith
- ~That God may lead all who have been reborn by water and the Spirit to profound faith
- ~That Christ's self-emptying may move us to generosity to the poor and needy among us
- ~That all of our parishioners who turn to Jesus, risen from the dead, may come to believe what they have not seen
- ~That the dead may rest in Christ, victor over sin and death

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Piggy Banks for the Martinton Food Pantry

There is a basket in the back of church to empty your banks & drop off money each week.

Upcoming Events

Parish Garage Sale

—We will be having our garage sale on May 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Drop off will be the weekend before. Start cleaning out those closets!! The ladies will need lots of help with setup and working during the sale. Please help if you can.

DONOVAN BOOSTER BASKET BINGO



Please join the Donovan Boosters on Saturday, April 6th from 6p.m.-9p.m. in the high school old gym. The tickets are \$20 each for adults or \$5 for students which gives you 1 card, 10 total games, there is a \$100 cash prize, & 9 basket prizes. Concessions are available. Extra cards can be purchased for \$5 each.

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.

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

◆ Gifts of Holy Spirit on April 11, 10am-Noon at One Heart One Soul
Presenter is Sr. Loretta Finn, SSCM Cost is \$15

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)