



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER  
OF GOD**

**JANUARY 1, 2023**

*We would like to wish everyone a  
very Blessed New Year!!*



**\*\*SUNDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Paul Houmes by Angela Jones

~Ira & Jeff Ratliff, & Diana Cailteux by Eileen Ratliff

~Roy Clement, Don Cote, & Donald Lafond by Angie Clement

**\*\*SUNDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Scot & Tim Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie

~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

~Leland & Anita Lambert by Corky & Paula Miller

**\*\*SUNDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Mary Claire by Eileen Ratliff

~Paul Jones by Angela Jones

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

\*Processional-God Rest You Merry Gentlemen #243

\*Readings-#802 Mary, Mother of God ~Cycle ABC

\*Presentation Hymn-See Amid the Winter's Snow #247

\*Communion Hymn-Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #251

\*Recessional-Go Tell It on the Mountain #242

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b><u>Offering for December 25th</u></b>	<b><u>-\$ 770.00</u></b>
<b>Deficit for the week:</b>	<b>-\$ (615.00)</b>

<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Offering in Budget:	\$ 3,800.00
Actual Christmas Offering:	<u>- \$2,937.00</u>
Deficit for Christmas:	<u>-\$ (863.00)</u>

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

**Restoration:** \$ 135-Preservation Dues

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 is \$72,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
December 25th- **\$35,391.15.**

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

**SUNDAY, January 8th @ 4:30p.m.**

**READER:** Cheryle Laurent

**E.M.:** Webers

**Money Counters:** Andrea & Diane

**Ushers:** Jim & Pat

**Servers:** Morris Kids

**Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Ron Goyette, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Margo Reynolds, Beverly Maurer, Anna VanHolven, Tina Gooding, Joe Jamnik, Jerry Shortsleeve, Bob Arseneau, Crystal Martinez, Ray Arseneau, Don Martell, Kelly Schladenhauffen, Kim Cann, Janet Lambert, Mike Tiarks, Gene Tammen, Debbie Turner, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, Roger Rabe, Shirley Arseneau, & Special Intentions

**Our Departed:** Dorothy Lafond

**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



## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith. This year's CMAA theme is We Belong to God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

This year St. Mary's goal is \$7,500, with 70% of any amount we raise over the goal is returned to us for our use. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

**WE NEED HELP**  
We will be putting  
away Christmas  
decorations on  
Sunday, January 15th  
after Mass.

### Church Collection Envelope Boxes

If you aren't using envelopes and want to, please contact Ryan at the parish office. You will receive a tax letter at the end of the year for your donations.

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Spiritual Direction-Is It For Me?

**When:** January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 from 7-8pm

**Presenter:** Sr. Myra Lambert, SSCM

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free Will Donation

**Register:** 815-931-1425

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Visit their website at [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org)

If interested, go to their website to sign up.

### Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12

"They offered him gifts!"

How do I acknowledge Jesus as my Lord and my God?

What gifts can I bring to Jesus through his people?

How do I share my experience of Jesus with others?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are king, God and Sacrifice. Let me join with you in your redeeming work in my neighborhood during this new year and help me to grow in your holiness. Amen!

### Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That, like the star of Bethlehem, the Church may continue to draw in wonder and awe, all peoples to Christ
- ~That Christ, the King of the ages, honored with gold, may bring this world to justice, righteousness, and peace
- ~That Christ, true God from true God, honored with frankincense, may be universally acclaimed as the Divine One among us
- ~That Christ who died that we may have life, honored with myrrh, may be the solace of all who mourn
- ~That members of our parish, who like the Magi come to Christ in prayer, may find him with Mary his mother
- ~That the dead may see Jesus in his full glory

Let Us Pray to the Lord

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please let the parish office know.

Masses are \$10 each. You can pick what dates you would like the Mass to be given on.

**\*Please note that Masses are given for more than one person most of the time due to having only one Mass each week.**

### 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