



32nd Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
November 12, 2023

### MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- \*Processional—Gather Us In #471
- \*Readings—#946 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time—Cycle A
- \*Offertory—We Walk By Faith #594
- \*Communion—O Sacrament Most Holy #499
- \*Recessional—For The Fruits of This Creation #697

## Mass Intentions

### **\*\*SUNDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Eugene Drummer by the Drummer Family
- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Corky & Paula Miller
- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Kevin & Deb Arseneau Family
- ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
- ~Bob Arseneau by Mary DePatis

### **\*\*SUNDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup>— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Bob Arseneau by Family
- ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
- ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Londa Carder

### **\*\*SUNDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>— 4:30p.m.**

- ~Bonnie & Ditty Lynch by the Lynch Families
- ~Delmar & Mary Arseneau by Pat Brown
- ~Bob Arseneau by Bill & Sharon Kibbons
- ~Leone & Caterina Zando by Angie Clement
- ~Donald Cote & Donald Lafond by Angie Clement

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
<b>Offering for November 5th</b>	<b>-\$1,827.00</b>
<b>Surplus for the week:</b>	<b>+\$ (442.00)</b>

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

**Restoration:** \$50-Preservation Dues  
All Saints/All Souls Collection-\$254

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
November 5th- **\$28,271.34.**

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

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

SUNDAY, November 19th @ 4:30p.m.

**READER:** Cheryle

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

**Ushers:** Joe & Jim

**Servers:** Houberts

**Money Counters:** Sue & Joe

We will be selling poinsettias  
Dec. 3rd & Dec. 10th for \$13 in  
the back of church to use for  
Christmas decorations.

### CHRISTMAS MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00P.M.

### **Please Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Carter Brutlag, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, Rita & Jack Willier, 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:**

### **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

~That God may grace those who lead his Church with unfailing wisdom and bless all those who seek the truth of Christ  
 ~That the people of God may faithfully wait for his coming, prepared to meet him at his arrival  
 ~That those who have rejected the Church or have drifted away from her, may return to their true home  
 ~That teachers of faith may, by their words and action, prudently pass on the wisdom of God to their students  
 ~That all in need, physical or spiritual, may know the concern of the Lord through the outreach of his holy people  
 ~That the concerns of our parish brought forth in prayer may find love in the heart of Jesus  
 ~That those who have fallen asleep may be raised by the Lord and remain with him in eternity

Let Us Pray to the Lord

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 25:1-13

"Stay awake, for you do not know the hour!"

Do I live today as if it might be the final day of my life?

Do I live today as if Christ will return in glory now?

What do I need to better prepare spiritually in my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to live in a manner that readies me to welcome you when you return in glory. May I use whatever time you give me, hours, days, weeks, years, & decades to make sure your reception is splendidly ready for you.

Amen!

**ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP** will be meeting again on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the rectory from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00. We will be continuing our study of PRAYER. Our topic for the evening will be ROTE PRAYER (Ready-made Prayer). Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite rote prayer to share with the group. Remember—join us when you can, even if you can't make every gathering, we welcome you when you can.

Upcoming topics include:

Nov. 16 PETITIONARY PRAYER

Nov. 30 DAILY EXAMEN

More to come.....

If you are interested in joining us, contact Sr. Linda at 815-931-1425 or [lhatton@sscm-usa.org](mailto:lhatton@sscm-usa.org).



We are thankful for our Religious Education Teachers Sydney Weber, Andrea Lareau, Josh Houberg, Lucy Lawrence, Madelyn Loy, Zeke Houberg, Fay Houberg, Hillary Houberg & Coordinator Ryan Loy who give of their time & talents to teach our youth. Take a moment to tell them thanks!

# Upcoming Events

## Love Light Tree

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30p.m. Mass we will be having our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Please join us in the parish hall afterwards for a potluck supper. The meat will be provided by the CCW, we ask you to bring a dish to share.

Forms for donating to the Love Light Ornaments are on the back counter. Forms are due back by Dec. 10th.

Please RSVP to Ryan for the dinner so we have a head count.

## Donovan's Senior Citizen Dinner

The complimentary dinner will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at noon. All Senior Citizens of our district are invited to attend.

It will be held at the Elementary School.

## Advent 1 Day Retreat

### The Perfect Gift: What's the Cost?

When: Sunday, December 3rd from 8am-4:30pm

Where: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

Presenters: Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM & Frank Modica

Cost: \$35

Register: 708-790-8141 Must register by November 27th

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.

## Stations of the Crib-Evening of Online Reflection

When: Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-8:30p.m.

Presenter: Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM

Register online or call the number above

## 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	Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper