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1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-Change Our Hearts #264
- *Readings-#808 1st Sunday of Lent Cycle A
- *Offertory-Whatever You Do #519
- *Communion-Let Us Break Bread Together #488
- *Recessional-Be Thou My Vision #633

MASS Intentions

****SUNDAY, February 22nd-- 4:30p.m.**
 ~Nancy Hilgendorf by Angela Jones
 ~John Moore by Noel & Lamont Jeffries
 ~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
 ~Madeline Arseneau by Julie Baker

****SUNDAY, March 1st-- 4:30p.m.**
 ~Mary Kay Rabe by Angela Jones
 ~Evelyn Weber by Angela Jones
 ~Bryan Keen by Lamont & Noel Jeffries

****SUNDAY, March 8th-- 4:30p.m.**
 ~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller
 ~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey
 ~Dale Richardson by Angela Jones

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for February 15th:	-\$1,073.00
Online Giving:	-\$175.00
Deficit for the week:	-\$195.00

Restoration: \$90
 Ash Wednesday Collection-\$315

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of February 15th- **\$51,251.67.**

CO-MINISTERS FOR:
Sunday, March 1st @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Angela
E.M.: Chris & Duane
Ushers: Joe & Pat
Servers: Colbi
Money Counters: Andrea & Angela

~STATIONS OF THE CROSS~
3:45p.m. Each Sunday

CONFESSION-on Palm Sunday
March 29th at 3:30p.m.



CMAA 2026 The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun! The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! St. Mary's goal is \$8,200. 70% of any amount we raise OVER our goals will be returned to us to use within our parishes. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Jerry Shortsleeve, Julie Shortsleeve, Jewel Legan, Mark Hustedt, Crystal Rabe, Stan Molter, Wade Miller, Special Intentions, Jan McVey, Willy VanWassenhove, Beverly Maurer, Shirley Guttman, John Bumbul, Angie Clement, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Cindy Jamnik, Ray Arseneau, Janet Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent

Our Departed:

Our Service Men & Women:
 *Lance Corporal Joshua Herb, U.S. Marine Corps, Step-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 Gospel

Second Sunday of Lent "A"

Matthew 17:1-9

"He was transfigured before them!"

How is Jesus the fulfillment of my life, as he was the fulfillment of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah)?

Do I, like Peter, want to spend time with Jesus this Lent?

The voice of the Father commands me to listen to his beloved Son, do I?

Prayer: During this sacred season Lord help me to believe that you are the cumulation of all that the Father has in store for me. Lead me, guide me, to the decision of Good Friday and then to the joys of Easter Sunday.

Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That through Jesus, who transcends the Law, all who glory in his name may find themselves just before God
 - ~That in Jesus, the fulfillment of the prophets, all the nations of the earth may find blessings
 - ~That the Gospel of Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality, may be preached to all peoples
 - ~That all who are in need of food, clothing, or other needs of life, may find a generous hand and an open heart in all who follow Christ
 - ~That those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may ready themselves for new life in Christ
 - ~That all of our parishioners may, like Peter, James, and John know the care of the living God
 - ~That the dead who acknowledged Jesus as the fullness of the Law and the Prophets may come to the glory of his dwelling
- Let Us Pray to the Lord

LET'S GET TOGETHER for Sr. Linda's Study Group....

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 26th to discuss Marie Moisan, co-Founder of the SSCM congregation. Hope to see you there for our discussion group! If you have questions, contact Sister Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

Piggy Banks for the Martinton Food Pantry

Anyone can get piggy banks to give money for the Martinton Food Pantry in the back of church. This isn't just for the kids. We would also like to get food donations to give to the pantry. Please help by giving to others this Lenten season!!! There is a basket in the back of church to empty your banks & drop off money each week.

AREA EVENTS

St. Anne Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Dates: Fridays, March 6 & 20 from 5-7p.m.

Where: St. Anne Parish Hall

Cost: \$14 for baked or fried fish, green beans, baked potato, coleslaw, bread, drink, & dessert

Kids: \$7 for cheese pizza, chips, drink, dessert

Donovan Ag 4-H Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7th from 5-7p.m. at our parish hall for a delicious spaghetti supper. They will also have a silent auction going on throughout the evening. They will be serving spaghetti with Prego sauce, green beans, garlic bread, and desserts.

Tickets are \$7 each
4 year olds and under are Free.

Carry Outs are Available



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

When: Saturday, March 14th from 7-10am

Where: St. Edmund's Church

Cost: \$10, Children 5 & Under are Free
The Easter Bunny will take pics from 8-10am

Beaverville FD Pork Chop Supper

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 15th from 4-7p.m. at our parish hall for a delicious pork chop supper. Serving pork chops, baked potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and dessert

Cost: \$15 for a 2 meat dinner, \$12 for a single meat dinner, Kids 9 and under-\$8

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 Fruit
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Flavored Rice
Paper Towels
Scalloped Potatoes