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**5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024**

Mass Intentions

****SUNDAY, March 17th - 4:30p.m.**

~Bob Arseneau by Judy Taron & Family
~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family
~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by the Bechely Family

****SUNDAY, March 24th - 4:30p.m.**

~Lloyd & Dorene Boone by the Morris Family
~Bob Arseneau by Sharon Carney & Mike

****HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th - 4:30p.m.**

~For Our Parishioners

****GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th - 4:30p.m.**

~For Our Parishioners

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

~Dean Anderson by Angela Jones
~Virginia "Maggie" Ruda by Ryan Loy & Kids
~Bob Arseneau by Judy & Family

The CCW will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The CCW ladies will supply the meat. Please RSVP to Ryan so we can have a count.

~STATIONS OF THE CROSS~
Today is the last day for Stations.

CONFESSION-on Palm Sunday 3/24 at 3:45p.m.

MASS SONGS AND READINGS

- *Processional-We Have Been Told #564
- *Readings-#821 5th Sunday of Lent~Cycle B
- *Offertory-Companions on the Journey #545
- *Communion-Somebody's Knocking At Your Door #278
- *Recessional-Lord Throughout These 40 Days #277

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,385.00
Offering for March 10th	-\$1,846.00
Surplus for the week:	+\$ (461.00)

Restoration: \$55 in collection

Catholic Relief Collection: \$70

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

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of March 10th- **\$57,634.50.**

NEXT WEEK'S CO-MINISTERS FOR:

SUNDAY, March 24th @ 4:30p.m.

READER: Ryan & Angela

E.M.: Andrea & Kathy

Ushers: Jim & Drew

Servers: Morris Family

Money Counters: Sue & Joe

Seed & Soil Blessing at Mass TODAY. Please bring symbolic samples of soil and seeds that you will use this year and Fr. Mike will bless them at the time of the prayers of the faithful.

Please Pray For:

Intentions: Trace Patterson, Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Pete Arseneau, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Keith Arseneau, Adaline Royster, Cynthia Chadwick, Santiago Bay, Dale Blanchette, Gary Cahoe, Paisley Jackson, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy Jamnik, Tina Gooding, 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: Don Martell

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



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2024 The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. We are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith. This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. This year St. Mary's goal is \$7,800, with 70% of any amount we raise over the goal is returned to us for our use.

ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting again on Thursday, March 21st 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:

March 21 Preparing for Holy Week
April 4 Journaling

If you are interested in joining us, contact Sr. Linda at 815-931-1425 or lhatton@sscm-usa.org.

Prayer of Blessing over Seeds and Soil:

God our Father, your first words to us, at the moment of creation, were: "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. See, I give you every seed bearing fruit on it to be your food." Bless this soil and bless these seeds. (+) May your life-giving Spirit quicken them to bring forth a harvest of abundance. Bless us with the fruits of the earth and give us the love to share all the blessings you pour out on your people, You who live and reign with Jesus, your Son, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen!!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark
Mark 14 & 15

How does the passion of Jesus 2000 years ago impact my life today?

How do I live out the passion of Jesus in my life?

How can I ensure that this will be a "Holy" week for me this year?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, if I am to share with you in the joys of your resurrection I must also share in your sufferings. Help me to re-create this week in which my world was created anew, in such a manner that I may grow in holiness and prepare for the feast of Easter. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

- ~That the mysteries of this Holy Week may unite us more closely to Christ in his sufferings
- ~That, praying with the psalmist, God may bless Jerusalem and all the Holy Land with peace
- ~That those who have betrayed Jesus, denied him or never accepted him, may come to acknowledge Jesus as the savior of the world
- ~That this community, gathered in faith, may join together, fervent in prayer, constant in love, and certain in hope
- ~That those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may be enlightened by the Spirit of truth
- ~That all who, like Jesus, suffer unjustly, may see in him their hope and consolation
- ~That those who have tasted death may, this day, be with Jesus in Paradise

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive at St. Mary's Hall

When: Thursday, March 21 **Time:** 2-6p.m.

For an appointment, text 815-370-9861, call and leave a message at 815-435-2249, see Diane, Judy, or Joyce at church, or go to redcrossblood.org.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner

When: Friday, March 22nd from 5-7pm at St. Edmund's
Cost: Free Will Donation –includes fried or baked pollack, baked beans, coleslaw, baked potato or chips, & dessert

Concord Fire Protection Carry Out Fish Fry Dinner

When: Friday, March 29 from 5-8pm
Cost: \$15 per dinner

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)