

*3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

*January 26, 2025*



**Mass Intentions**

**\*\*SUNDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Scott Savoie by Don & Phyllis Savoie  
~Jim Ratliff by Marlis & Allyn Kleinert  
~Bob Arseneau by His Family

**\*\*SUNDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Robert & Judy Zando by Family  
~Gloria Boone by the Morris Family  
~Bob Arseneau by Angela Jones

**\*\*SUNDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 4:30p.m.**

~Wm. Benhart "Billy" Ryan by Sue Ryan  
~Anita & Leland Lambert by Paula & Corky Miller  
~Jim Ratliff by John & Judy Moore  
~Jerry LaFond by Marsha Willey

**MASS SONGS AND READINGS**

- \*Processional–You Are Near #610
- \*Readings-#861 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
- \*Offertory-Lead Me, Guide Me #621
- \*Communion-One Love Released #508
- \*Recessional-How Can I Keep From Singing #607

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$1,443.00
Sunday Offering for January 19th:	-\$ .00
Online Giving:	-\$ .00
Deficit for the week:	-( \$00.00)

**Restoration:** \$-collection

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 is \$75,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of  
January 19th- **\$44,223.93.**

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers**

If you would be interested in doing one of  
these jobs during Mass, please talk to Ryan  
Loy. We can always use more people!

**CO-MINISTERS FOR:**

**Sunday, February 2nd @ 4:30p.m.**

**READER:** Jennifer

**E.M.:** Angela, Ryan, Andrea

**Ushers:** Pat & Joe

**Servers:** Morris Family

**Money Counters:** Joe & Angela

**CCW Meeting**

**Sunday, February  
9th after Mass**

**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 Pray For:**

**Intentions:** Debbie Mize Baker, Gabe Lareau, Willy VanWassenhove, Megan Markley,  
Don Savoie, John Bumbul, Cleona Datzman, Emmett Sutton & Family, Angie Clement,  
Web Bohn, Regina Penny, Nicholas, Sharon Hess, Kathy Wagner, Jewel Legan, Cindy  
Jamnik, Beverly & Ben Maurer, Shirley Guttman, Jerry Shortsleeve, Ray Arseneau, Janet  
Lambert, Sylvia Eddy, Betty Lambert, Elaine Arseneau, Judy Laurent, & Special Inten-  
tions

**Our Departed:** Sister Agnes Cunningham, SSCM & Ed Howe

**Our Service Men & Women:**

\*SGT 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 News

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:22-40

"And suddenly there will come to the Temple  
The Lord whom you seek!"

What is "dark" in my life and how can the light of Christ overcome it?

How do I, like Simeon and Anna, welcome Christ into my life?

Am I at peace with the end of my life?

Prayer: The Cantic of Simeon:

Now you dismiss your servant O Lord  
According to your word in peace.  
For my eyes have seen you salvation  
Which you have provided  
in the sight of all people.  
A light of revelation to the Gentiles  
And the glory of your people Israel. Amen!

Note: Next Sunday is also called "Candlemass," the day when the Church traditionally blesses candles. Please bring any candles you might like to have blessed to Mass next Sunday. The blessing takes place at the start of Mass.

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions

~That on this day, holy to the Lord, we may find our strength in rejoicing in God

~That members of the Mystical Body of Christ may be blessed with unity around Word and Sacrament

~That as firm lovers of God, Jesus may fulfill the Scriptures in our hearing

~That all who suffer from poverty, illness, cold, or isolation may know the compassion of God through His holy people

~That those who seek true wisdom and lasting peace may find them in Jesus and in His Gospel

~That our parishioners who bring their prayers to God may find solace in their concerns

~That the dead may know the joy of new life in Christ  
Let Us Pray to the Lord

## AREA EVENTS

### Sheldon Community Blood Drive

When: Monday, February 10th from 12:30-6pm

Where: Sheldon Community Center

To make an appt call Marilyn at 815-429-3106 or Cheryl at 815-592-7034 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

### Caregiver Stress Busting Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic illness? This program teaches stress management techniques, coping & relaxation strategies

When: Thursdays, Jan. 23-Mar. 20, 2025 from 1:30-3pm

Cost: No Cost

Register or Questions call Amanda: 815-523-9919

### 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:

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing Mix

Scalloped Potatoes Box

Shampoo

Paper Towels

## Calling All Kind Hearts

Rhonda Emerson from the bank is planning to send Elle Martell a box of sympathy and compassion. Anyone who would like to send her their thoughts and prayers with the passing of her dad Bruce would be appreciated. They are not having a service for him, so if you would like to send a card, please get it to Rhonda at the bank. Elle was a long time parishioner here and it would be wonderful to show her how much our congregation cares about her, especially in her time of grief.

### 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](http://eifoodbank.org) for more information.